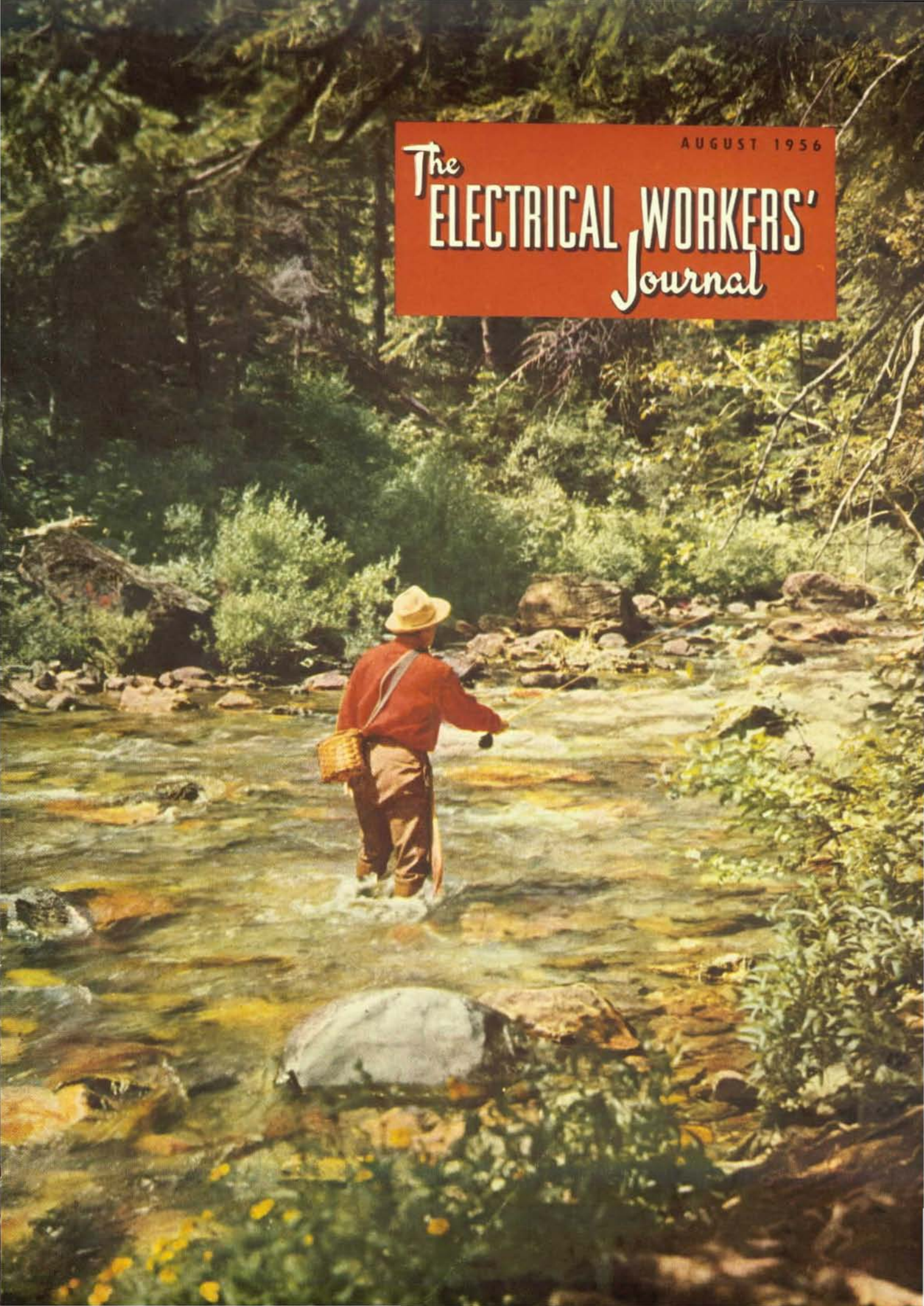


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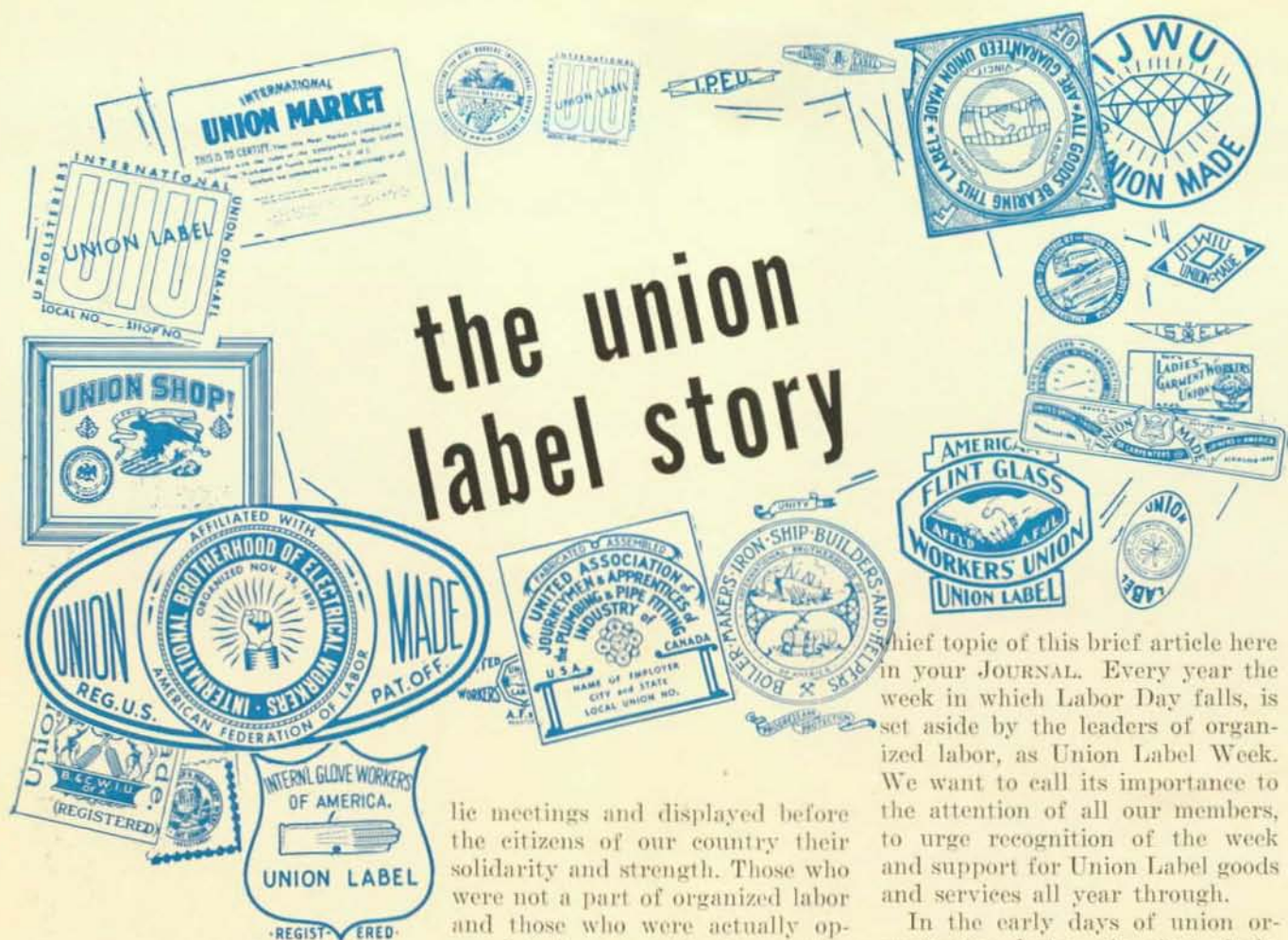
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EACH YEAR as the time approaches when we of organized labor celebrate "our day"—Labor Day, our thoughts go back some years to the Labor Days of another era and how they were celebrated and why.

Today, to too many of our labor union members, Labor Day is just another holiday—good for a round of golf or a trip to the beach. While organized labor has fought through the years for more holidays and vacations with pay for its members, that was not the idea behind the campaign waged away back in 1882 by Peter McGuire and other labor pioneers, to have the Congress of the United States establish Labor Day as a national holiday. No, the idea behind that drive for recognition, was a drive for the recognition of organized labor itself. And in those early days, labor unionists banded together, they paraded and held pub-

lic meetings and displayed before the citizens of our country their solidarity and strength. Those who were not a part of organized labor and those who were actually opposed to it, at least by these colorful, peaceful demonstrations, were made aware of organized labor and realized that it was a power that could not be ignored.

A look back through our Labor Day JOURNAL of 35 and 40 years ago finds the correspondence section full of accounts and pictures of colorful Labor Day parades and celebrations in which IBEW members took a prominent part.

Last year our JOURNAL, in spite of the fact that our membership and number of locals have doubled and tripled and increased by the thousands through the years, showed a bare handful of our 650,000 members taking part in Labor Day parades. Those few locals which did participate put on a grand show. We congratulate them and thank them for keeping alive something that is very valuable to the labor movement and every member in it.

Another vastly important facet of Labor Day and one we have gotten away from, is promotion of the Union Label, and that is the

chief topic of this brief article here in your JOURNAL. Every year the week in which Labor Day falls, is set aside by the leaders of organized labor, as Union Label Week. We want to call its importance to the attention of all our members, to urge recognition of the week and support for Union Label goods and services all year through.

In the early days of union organization, before the time of the Wagner Act, many a struggling union was enabled to survive because of one factor and one factor alone. Brother and Sister unionists demanded and got Union La-

First Labor Day parade reflected spirit of rising star of unionism.



bel goods. Because of public pressure, many manufacturers had to recognize the union to stay in business. It was hard, tough going for our labor pioneers and only this staunch support from fellow unionists kept their unions alive.

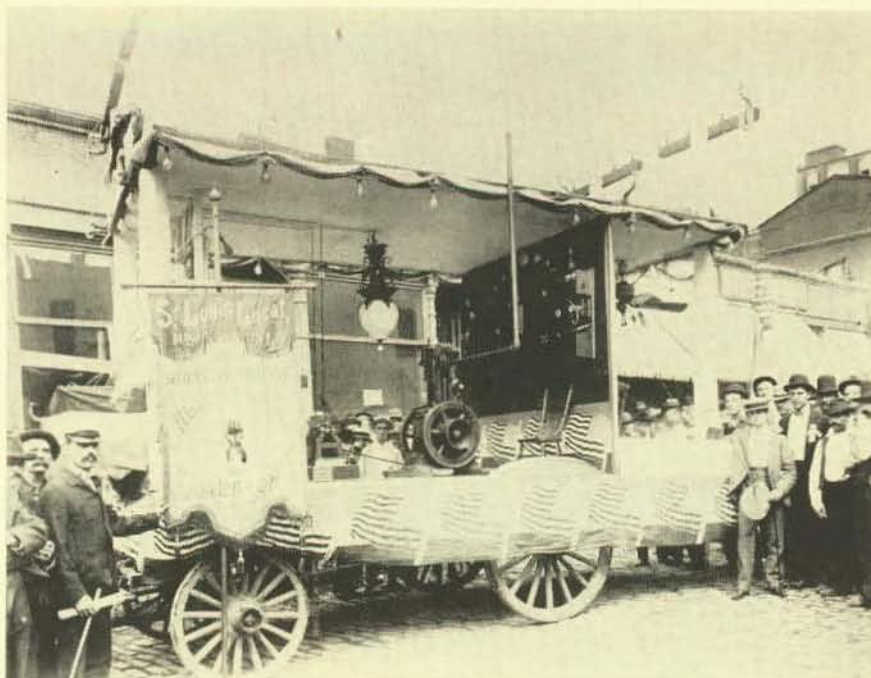
Remember the famous case of the Danbury Hatters? It was only through boycott of Loewe hats by all the other AFL members that the union of the Hat Workers of Danbury was saved from destruction. This became one of the most famous labor cases in the history of trade unionism and was actually a dynamo for much of the favorable legislation passed at a later date.

And now let's tell a little about how union labels which have come to mean so much in the life of labor unions came into being.

The Union Label is as rich in tradition as the emblem of any other organization in all history. From the days of early Rome when Numa Pompilius organized the crafts of his day into guilds, various groups of organized workers have used some symbol to distinguish their products from those of others in the market place.

The guilds from which our modern labor unions are directly descended, were those of the ancient Saxons. They were found in the England of the Eighth Century, fighting the battles of the workers and common citizens. These guilds provided the instrument for law

John J. Mara of Boot and Shoe Workers was recently named president of the Union Label Trades Department.



This float, sponsored by IBEW Local 1, was exhibited in Labor Day parade in St. Louis in 1895 and 1896. Note union emblem centering banner at left.



Five hundred members of IBEW Local 58 participated in last year's Labor Day parade in Detroit and were judged best-appearing of all AFL groups.

and order, and a sound social structure.

We discover that the guilds of that day had no easier time of it than the early unions of our day, for we find history records "the Emperor Charlemagne, concerned for the special privilege system of that day, slitting the noses of all who were found to be guild members."

Medieval despots used the same

weapons against the guilds that modern industrial magnates have used against trade unions, except that the violence that used to be the order of the day has been rejected for more subtle methods. Law-making agencies and courts, however, early came to be used against labor movement supporters.

Out of the Saxon guilds developed the guild-merchants so prom-



Partial view of throngs who crowded around exhibit of the IBEW at this year's successful Union Industries Show staged in Seattle, Washington.

inent in England for so many years. Merchants and artisans who operated on their own capital organized to protect their property and trade from the violence of nobles or ruling classes. From one such guild, the Goldsmith's Company, it is thought that the Union Label idea as we know it today, probably began. Goldsmiths adopted their "hallmark" or stamp and used it on gold and silver articles to attest their purity and the quality of their workmanship. That was back in the Fifteenth Century.

Now while the union label principle was born in the Old World, it was in the New World that it gained its greatest strength and vigor.

The very purpose of the Pilgrim Fathers in traveling to the New World was to attain greater freedom, justice and a more humane life for all. Thus adoption of an emblem like the union label—was natural to American workmen crusading for a cause. The Union Label Trades Department of the AFL-CIO gives us the earliest history of the Union Label in the United States:

"While the Cigar Makers are generally understood to be the in-

ventors and sponsors of the earliest trade Union Label in America a similar device was used six years earlier in 1869, by the Carpenters' Eight-Hour League of San Francisco. This League furnished a stamp to all planing mills, operating on the eight-hour plan, in order that they might be able to identify the work of the ten-hour mills. Later, at its general convention in September 1900, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and

The late Matthew Woll headed Union Label Department for many years.



A worker places IBEW union label on union-made fluorescent fixture.

Joiners of America adopted its Union Label but a Union Label, practically the same as the one used at the present time, was adopted by a referendum vote after the twelfth general convention held in September 1902.

Originally the Cigar Makers' Union Label was a weapon for use against Chinese labor (virtually slave labor) on the Pacific Coast.

The Cigar Makers of the Pacific Coast cities first used a white label on all cigars to indicate that they were made under union conditions, not by coolies in filthy sweatshops."

In the decade from 1880 to 1890 the Union Label idea grew in popularity and was adopted by a number of trades including the Hatters, Typographical Union and the Can Makers.

The years 1886 and 1887 were most popular for the adoption of Union Labels, for during that period the United Garment Workers of America, the Coopers' International Union, the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, the Boot and Shoe Workers Union and the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union of North America, all designed Union Labels and put them to use immediately.

However, it was in the years following 1890 that the Union Label came to be recognized popularly as a general device of trade unionism, and union after union adopted the label and more and more union members demanded it on the goods they bought. Unions

in the service trades at the same time were adopting the Union Shop Card as a symbol of fair working standards.

In 1891, the Journeymen Barbers and the Retail Clerks adopted their Union Shop Cards.

In 1892, the United Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers established their Union Label. In 1893 the Broom and Whisk Makers' Union followed suit and in 1895, the Horseshoers, Laundry Workers and Tobacco Workers were added to the label roster.

In 1896, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders' International Union came into the Union Label fold with their Union House Card and Working Buttons. The American Federation of Musicians followed in 1897. And in that same year, the Machinists and the Metal Polishers also joined the Union Label family.

The Stove Mounters adopted a label in 1900, as did the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The first years of the Twentieth Century added more Union Labels and shop cards to the Union Label roll call and attested to the steady growth of unionism. The Operating Engineers, Painters and Decorators, Printing Pressmen, The-



atrical Employees, Glove Workers, Bottle Blowers and Photo Engravers were some of those who adopted labels in the opening years of this century.

Our readers will want to know when the IBEW entered the Union Label picture.

The official emblem of our Brotherhood, the clenched fist grasping the lightning rays, was adopted at the founding convention of our union back in 1891.

The first Union Label resolution was passed at our 1905 convention and demanded that the IBEW Union Label appear "on all electrical devices, apparatus, fixtures and machines, before being installed or maintained by a member of the IBEW, and urging all members of locals to do all in their power to further the use of the Union Label."

Today more than 22 million

IBEW union labels are issued from the I. O. annually.

Support of the label was chiefly confined to individual unions in the early years, but in 1909 the Union Label and Service Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor was organized to expand the label program. This centralization of the label advertising task gave new impetus to the movement and has continued since, quietly but effectively, to establish the Union Label as one of the greatest assets of organized labor—a rallying point for all union workers.

Today practically every union of the AFL-CIO has either a Union Label or Union Shop Card or both.

We have stated that in the early days the Union Label of every union was the symbol of strength to all trade unionists and it was by demanding it and supporting it and boycotting the products which did not carry it, that many struggling unions were able to survive.

Today, the enemies of organized labor are as strong and as prevalent as they ever were. They work subtly. They pass laws instead of slitting noses, but their aim is the same—to destroy unions and

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An overall view of the spectacular exhibition in Seattle. The U-I shows have acquainted millions with union labels.





LOOKING OVER THE U.S.A.

Tourist's Paradise in Our Own Back Yard

AN ARTICLE in the *New York Times* recently, stated that this year more Americans will tour Europe than ever before. That statement brings a little envy to most of us who long to see the "far-away places" but have neither the time nor the wherewithal to become world travelers.

However, there's another facet to this news story that we want to develop briefly here on the pages of your JOURNAL. While Americans are visiting Europe by the thousands and many more envy them their trip, Europeans and those of other continents are likewise sailing for the "New World," eager to see its wonders and tour its spots of tremendous beauty, historical interest, or entertainment value. And the things which they come to see and talk of with the same avid interest that Americans look forward to, in anticipating the gaiety of Paris, the Blue Danube, the Swiss Alps, the gondolas of Venice, the grandeur of Rome, are right here in our own back yard.

Organized labor has made the two-week (or more) vacation a



Some sandy, some rocky, hundreds of miles of coastline provide America with some of her most scenic attractions to the West, East and South.

pretty general thing on the American continent and in that period any American can visit any one of the American sights proclaimed to the high heavens by our foreign visitors.

Every state of these United States and every province of Canada, has many points of delightful scenic beauty mingled with history

and entertainment, so those whose limited means prohibit their journeying far can enjoy what visitors come from all countries and climes to see in their own bailiwick.

Space, of course, will not permit us to give a Cook's tour on paper of the things to do and see on this continent. We can only mention a few of the high spots which are



America's magnificent West still retains its colorful flavor. These modern-day "cowpokes" are hiking the Anaconda Wilderness Area, located in state of Montana.

Crater Lake in Oregon is one of breathtaking scenic wonders of the magnificent West. It is one of the deepest mountain lakes in the world, is sapphire blue.





The Sentinels in Mariposa Grove, Yosemite National Park, in California are classic examples of Golden State's giant redwoods.

always musts to our foreign visitors on tour. At the end of this article we will give the names of pamphlets that cover the situation more thoroughly. Now for the highlights—state by state.

In Alabama, Mobile with its fine old mansions and gardens is a real delight.

Arizona boasts the splendor of the Grand Canyon and many other lesser canyons and spots of scenic beauty. Phoenix and Tucson have become great winter resort communities.

In Arkansas, Hot Springs National Park and the Ozarks—Ouachitas are of interest.

It is hard to condense the things to see in California. Her valleys, beaches and parks, including Yosemite and Sequoia are wonderlands of beauty. Los Angeles and Hollywood, the motion picture capital of the world, hold great interest for all tourists, while San Francisco ("Baghdad on the Bay") with its Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Fisherman's Wharf and many other attractions, is one of the best-loved cities of the universe.

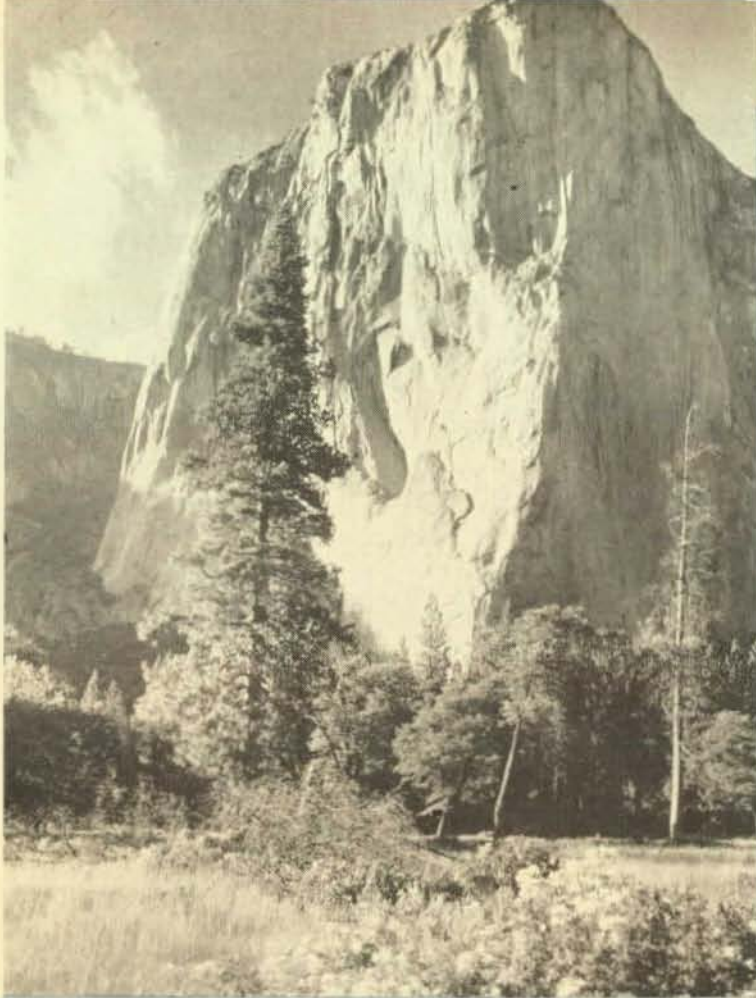
Colorado with California, Flor-



Millions of tourists "discovering" America have marveled over Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone Park.



This tranquil scene is only minutes from the nation's Capital—a mule-drawn barge on the old C & O canal.



The majestic rock cliff, El Capitan, located in Yosemite National Park. Azaleas bloom in foreground.



Romance of America's coastline fishing fleets attracts artists, visitors alike.

Idaho and New York, is considered one of the four greatest scenic states. Rocky Mountain National Park perhaps presents the most astounding mountain scenery in the country. Colorado also boasts Pike's Peak, the Garden of the Gods and the Cave of the Winds.

Connecticut is noted among other things for its lovely Litchfield Hills, its many museums and for Yale University.

Delaware is perhaps best known for its Rehoboth Beach and for the excellent fishing off Lewes Beach. Dupont Gardens near Wilmington are very beautiful.

The District of Columbia has so many "musts" to offer, it is hard to single out a few. The Capitol, White House, Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Smithsonian Institute will have to suffice here.

Florida is a beautiful vacation land. In addition to its wonderful

beaches, St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, is a place all tourists want to see, while Everglades Park is one of the most exotic of all our national parks.

Georgia is rich in history of the War Between the States. Savannah is the state's greatest treasure of the past. Beautiful Sea Island and Warm Springs, site of Roosevelt's "Little White House," are also favorites with visitors.

Idaho boasts many glories, among them Sun Valley, Craters of the Moon National Monument and the Grand Canyon of the Snake River.

Illinois is perhaps most famous for Chicago, second largest city in the U.S.A. Adler Planetarium, Merchandise Mart (second largest office building in the world) and a huge Natural History Museum are some of its most interesting sights. Springfield, home of Abraham Lincoln is a "must" for history lovers.

Indiana's main tourist attraction

is Indianapolis, home of the famous *Speedway* where the 500-mile Memorial Day auto races are held each year. The homes of James Whitecomb Riley and Benjamin Harrison are also here. Many visitors enjoy visiting South Bend and the University of Notre Dame.

Iowa has much to offer besides tall corn, although her farm lands are rich and beautiful. Crystal Lake Cave near Dubuque, and her numerous state parks are well worth visiting.

Kansas boasts General Eisenhower Park and the President's boyhood home at Abilene, and the Reinisch Memorial Rose Garden at Topeka is a source of perpetual joy to flower fanciers.

Kentucky's best-known scenic attraction is Mammoth Cave National Park. Many noted horse farms around Lexington are open to the public who want to see the racing stock for which the Blue Grass State is noted.

Louisiana is a most interesting state, with New Orleans, particularly in Mardi Gras time, a real delight.

Maine is famous for its lakes, and its beach resorts on the ocean. Portland, its largest city, is most interesting as the site of Longfellow's home and other historic mansions and museums.

Maryland, famous for vacation spots and excellent food, is also

the home of the United States Naval Academy. Chesapeake Bay is famous for its fishing and shore dinners.

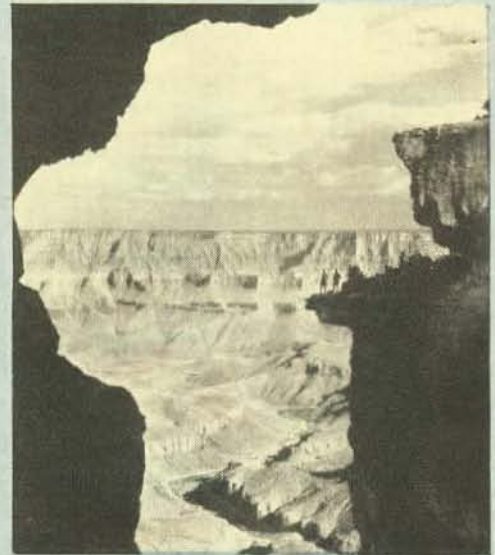
Massachusetts boasts the "Birthplace of American Independence," Boston, with its Old North Church and Faneuil Hall. Its other cities hold much of the American heritage also—for example Concord, where the Minute Men made their

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America has thousands of lakes, many in Minnesota.

America's beaches are among finest in world. There are many beautiful spots vacationer will find in Florida.



For sheer splendor, the Grand Canyon in Colorado is the tops.



Natural Bridge in Virginia is one of world's wonders. Nature carved the mammoth arch out of solid rock.



Man's hand has helped Nature supply America her scenic wonder. New York City's skyline by night is a breathtaking sight of twinkling lights, skyscrapers reaching finger-like into the haze of a sky made red by city's gigantic electrical display.

EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

The Big Conventions

As your JOURNAL went to press two big conventions, one in Chicago and one in San Francisco, had just come to an end. Perhaps never before in our history, have the people taken so much interest in the operations and deliberations of the four-year meets which give us the two-party system in our country. The great growth of radio and television made it easy for John Q. Public to keep in touch, and many of our solid citizens have been glued to these communications media for the past two weeks.

No group had greater interest in the Democratic and Republican deliberations and formulation of platforms than the members of organized labor. And never before in the history of either party has so much concern been paid to organized labor by the "powers that be" in both parties, for our merged AFL-CIO with its 18 million members is indeed a "constituent" with which to be concerned.

It is proper and fitting that labor play a part in the setting up of party platforms. The day when serious-thinking men and women said "Labor should stay out of politics," is as dead as the dodo. Labor was forced to make its influence felt in politics, away back in the time of Samuel Gompers. It was forced into politics in order to survive and the struggle for survival has not lessened any with the years.

And so it was a proud and approving labor movement that learned of George Meany's presentation of a 50-page document to both the Democrats and Republicans with organized labor's recommendations for a party platform.

In presenting such a document, George Meany and the AFL-CIO were not attempting to dictate to either party, they were concerned with one purpose and one purpose alone—the purpose that is also presumed to dominate political parties and their leaders. That purpose is pretty well stated in President Meany's own words: "We seek only those aids which are required to enhance the opportunity of the individual to achieve his legitimate personal ends, and which are essential to the welfare of the nation as a whole."

Organized labor's platform as presented by President Meany included the following recommendations:

A stronger and more effective foreign policy that would serve to unite the free peoples of the world, oppose all forms of government dictatorship and expose the hypocrisy of communism.

An economic policy keyed to keeping wages high so that America's purchasing power will match her productive ability.

A complete overhaul of the Taft-Hartley Act and elimination of Section 14 (b) which permits State "Right-to-Work" laws. Broadening of Minimum Wage coverage and strengthening of the Walsh-Healey and Bacon-Davis Acts.

Those were some of the recommendations. They were made for the good of all the people.

It was gratifying that the Democratic party in its platform backed organized labor's legislative and governmental demands nearly all the way, including unequivocal repeal of Taft-Hartley.

The Republican platform did not go nearly so far toward meeting labor's goals and while it dropped the long justification of Taft-Hartley that marked the '52 platform, it promised only to "revise and improve" the Act along the lines suggested by President Eisenhower during the past three years.

That briefly is a summary of labor's recommendations to the political conventions, why they were made, and their reception.

In the days ahead between now and November 6, it is the sincere hope of every officer in the parent AFL-CIO group, and certainly of your IBEW officers, that our people become alert politically—that they care enough to find out about issues and records—and that they vote according to the dictates of their consciences and their common sense.

Wages and Production

Building Trades Unions have been under constant fire in recent years because of the wages labeled everything from plain "high" to "exorbitant" by so-called innocent bystanders. Wages have taken the brunt of all kinds of complaints from the high costs of building anything, to the plight of the farmer.

Those talking about the "exorbitant" cost of wages in the construction trades, always fail to point out a number of things, among them, the "exorbitant" profits being made by some of the construction firms. Studies conducted recently show that building trades wages comprise only a small percentage of the total cost of erecting a home or other building. Also they fail to mention the fact that construction work is seasonal, and the pay checks only come when the worker is employed. Are not construction workers' families expected to eat 12 months of the year? And if so, wages made on construction jobs have to stretch out to meet the bills for that whole 12-month period.

Another point the glib attackers fail to mention is the production angle. Production per man hour is increasing steadily in the construction field. One good example of this has been brought out in a sur-

vey made by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Between 1952 and 1954, the number of workers employed in construction decreased by 4 percent, while total construction increased 10 percent.

Trained union workmen like our Electrical Workers and fellow unionists in other trades have only acquired their skill through years of training and experience. Union work in the main is done expertly, safely and with dispatch. Know-how on a job often saves a contractor hundreds of thousands of dollars.

These are just a few of the items those who seemingly speak so authoritatively about the high cost of union labor should consider.

The Merger Is Working

Last November when the AFL and CIO merged into one mighty union, there were many who viewed the union skeptically and affirmed that it would never work.

Today more than nine months later, it is a source of pride and pleasure to those who sought this union for so long, that it is working so well. Certainly there are still many, many problems to be solved, but progress can be termed tremendous for so short a time.

Recently AFL-CIO Secretary William Schnitzler addressed a labor group in Denver and outlined the way in which the goals of the merger are being achieved. Mr. Schnitzler said that in less than a year, what used to be the "AFL position" and "CIO position" has been supplanted by "consistent trade union position."

Definite progress has been made with regard to jurisdictional disputes which were once the scourge of many labor unions.

AFL-CIO Council action to eliminate the few remaining traces of corruption and racketeering within the labor movement, have been almost completely successful. Clean-up under the new organization is much more effective and thorough and will be continued until the last "bad apple in the barrel" is eliminated.

Briefly the American labor movement is a much more powerful and effective organization than it has ever been. Divested of its "split personality" there is no limit to the good it can accomplish for its members and the general welfare of the country, in the years ahead.

How Some "Right-to-Work" Workers Work

It is rather interesting to see how advocates of such noble phrases as "states' rights" with states setting their own laws and governing their own businesses, are quick to interfere in the rights of those states with which they have no natural connection.

Example in point is the recent activities of the DeMille Foundation of California to get "Right-to-Work" legislation passed in the State of Vermont, 3,000 miles away.

Vermont's Commissioner of Social Welfare, Arthur W. Simpson, recently disclosed that this foundation through the office of Donald MacLean, acting executive secretary, had written him last month advising him that MacLean would be in Vermont to "discuss voluntary unionism versus compulsory unionism and the desirability of setting up a committee to obtain a Right-to-Work law in your state."

Simpson immediately replied:

"I cannot sponsor or support the introduction of such a law. We have a very healthy labor-industry attitude in this state and a great deal of understanding and harmony."

We say three cheers for Mr. Simpson! We also issue a word of warning to our members in the 31 states which fortunately are still free of "Right-to-Work" laws. There are agents—and powerful ones—organized in many parts of the nation, who have an excess of zeal and an abundance of money to promote "Right-to-Work" campaigns in any state's bailiwick if they can get an entry.

This is one time when States' Rights should also include keeping union-busting busybodies from other states from coming in to run their business.

Operation Self Protection

Recently a professor of history, Professor Thomas A. Bailey of Stanford University, made the following statement:

"If the ordinary American citizen can only work himself up to a point where he is deeply interested in the outer world—in the fate of his country, his civilization, and his planet—as he is in the doings of his next-door neighbor and his favorite comic-strip character, then we shall make greater progress towards a successful democratic foreign policy."

There's much food for thought in that statement for all of us. Too often we (all of us) are so interested in our own particular family or occupational problems that we simply ignore issues and events going on in the world in which we live.

It is from just such lethargy and lack of interest that subversives are able to make gains. Think back, have you ever known or read of a Communist who failed to keep abreast of the times or who failed to vote? All the American experience with Communists within our midst has been that they stay interested. They read papers, listen to the radio, write their Congressmen. And all the while they are hoping that the rest of us won't.

Let's take a tip from Professor Bailey and do our best to be alert, informed citizens who make Government our business. If we fail let's be able to attribute it to lack of judgment, and not lack of interest.

LOOKING OVER THE U.S.A.

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first stand against the British. Concord later became a literary center and the homes of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Ralph Waldo Emerson are now open to the public. Cambridge is the home of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Michigan is most interesting to those concerned with viewing American production at work in the large automobile plants of Detroit and Dearborn. Lake Michigan, Mackinac Island and Isle Royale National Park provide scenic beauty.

Minnesota is famous for her 11,000 lakes. The fact that entertaining visitors is her third largest industry attests to the fact that she has much to offer in the way of tourist attraction.

Mississippi boasts many resorts along the Gulf Coast. Natchez offers beautiful gardens and antebellum homes. Biloxi's most famous home is *Beauvoir*, residence of Jefferson Davis.

Missouri's St. Louis is a charming city that provides boat trips on the Mississippi, Show Boat entertainment on shore, a glorious Art Museum, interesting historical museum (Jefferson Memorial) and lovely Botanical Gardens. Hannibal, Missouri, boyhood home of Mark Twain has many mementoes of the great writer.

Montana (the Treasure State) has Glacier National Park and Clark Cavern State Park. History-wise there is the site of "Custer's Last Stand."

Nebraska's Capital, Lincoln, is her most famous attraction. The Capitol building itself is very beautiful and the University of Nebraska with its interesting buildings and museums is well worth visiting. Omaha is famous for Father Flanagan's Boy's Town.

The visitor to Nevada must visit Hoover Dam, the highest dam ever constructed, which impounds Lake Mead, the largest artificial lake in the world. Las Vegas is famed as a gay resort city with the most gambling houses in the world.

New Hampshire is green and beautiful and boasts Mount Washington, the highest peak in northeastern United States. Echo Lake and Cathedral Lodge State Park are among the most scenic spots in America. "Great Stone Face" is in New Hampshire's White Mountains.

New Jersey is best known for her 50-mile stretch of wonderful ocean beaches in the southern part of the state, which range from cosmopolitan Atlantic City or Ocean City to gay Wildwood or quiet Cape May and Avalon. Other attractions are Princeton University and Jersey's historic capital, Trenton.

New Mexico fascinates tourists with its Spanish Missions, ancient Indian ruins, and its present Indian reservations. Its Carlsbad Caverns are the largest in the world.

New York offers visitors cool mountain resorts in the Adirondacks and the Catskills, and glorious Niagara Falls, one of America's greatest scenic attractions. But New York's State's greatest drawing attraction is the world's largest city, New York. New York is many things to many people—the "Great White Way," the Theater Capital of the World, the great Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations Headquarters, the Empire State Building (tallest in the world), Rockefeller Center, New York Harbor—and everyone of these is wonderful.

North Carolina has many beautiful cities and gardens to display, plus Duke University, Fontana Dam and Village, the Great Smokies and Roanoke Island.

North Dakota is best known for the Badlands, with their peculiar shaped rocks of unusual colors. The State Capitol at Bismarck is unique among state capitols since it is 18 stories high.

Ohio has many interesting attractions to offer. Akron rubber companies draw the industrial minded. Cleveland and Cincinnati are full of interesting buildings, museums, parks and zoos. At

Marion, is the President Harding Home and Museum.

Oklahoma displays Indian reservations, oil wells, the great University of Oklahoma at Norman, and the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore where an annual rodeo is held in his memory.

Oregon boasts snow-capped mountain ranges, fine hunting and fishing. Portland, "City of Roses," Crater Lake National Park, Mount Hood, and the Oregon caves are all points of keen interest to tourists.

Pennsylvania lists "musts" Philadelphia, site of Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House and the Benjamin Franklin Memorial. Pittsburgh, one of the greatest industrial centers in the world is THE city for all interested in America's great ability to manufacture. Gettysburg and Valley Forge are scenes of vast interest historically. The Pocono Mountains offer scenic beauty and sports activities.

Rhode Island—smallest of the 48—has many wonderful summer beach spots. Providence, the capital, is the site of Brown University and Roger Williams Park, noted for its beautiful gardens.

South Carolina is famous for stately, beautiful, historic Charleston and for its many gardens, particularly Cypress Gardens and Magnolia Gardens. Myrtle Beach is one of the finest resorts in the South.

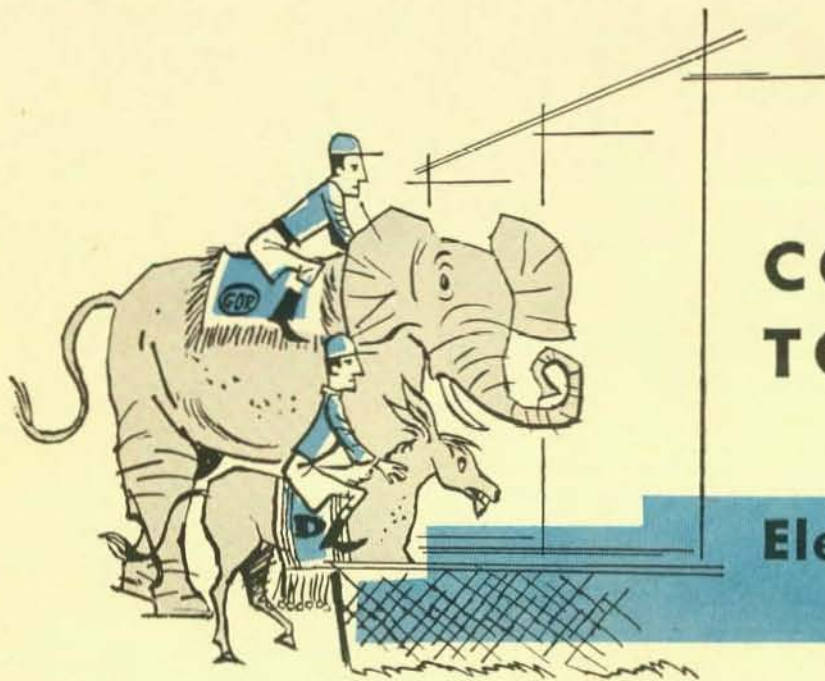
South Dakota is perhaps best known for Mount Rushmore with the carved faces of four great Presidents looking out from the side of the 600-foot mountain. Wind Cave is another "must" for tourists to this state.

Tennessee shares with North Carolina the Great Smoky Mountains. It also has Cumberland Mountain State Park and others. In Nashville, is the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson.

Texas natives will tell you that you needn't bother seeing the rest of the states—just Texas! At San Antonio, the Alamo is a must, and Houston is a city all visitors want to see.

The mountains and canyons of Utah are spectacularly beautiful.

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COMING UP TO THE GATE

**Election Day
is near at hand**

AS YOUR JOURNAL went to press, we were "coming up to the gate" election-wise for the big race of 1956. The Democratic Convention in Chicago was over and the Republican Convention about to convene in San Francisco.

There has been, and will be a tremendous amount of talking between now and November 6. There will be the usual amount of bluster and ballyhoo and we hope, an equal amount of straight thinking and square talking.

Desire to Dictate

It is never the desire of any labor union to dictate to its free and independent members how they should vote. We couldn't even if we wished, for the American labor movement is just not constituted to be governed by any type of pressure method.

However, as the organizations formed by the workers themselves to bring about more protection, improvement, and security to working people and all citizens, the labor unions of our country have a clear mandate to arouse their members politically. That mandate does not tell the people for whom they must vote, but points out the issues vital to working people and the good of the country. It shows how legislators voted on these issues. The rest is up to the union

members themselves—the thinking, sensible, working people. They will know how to vote.

In the next issue of our JOURNAL, we will bring you voting records. You will be able to read and judge for yourselves just who the friends and enemies of labor are.

But now, as the entries "come up to the gate" for the November race which can mean so much to our people, there are certain preliminaries which must be checked and now.

Using the analogy of the horse race, everybody well knows you can't win unless you bet. You can't win in an election unless you vote. And you can't vote unless you are registered.

Deadline Close

Deadlines for registering voters are closing in many states right now. In many states, voters must register for each election well in advance of the voting date. In others, registration may be more or less permanent but may be conditioned on a voter exercising his franchise every year or two. If he has moved from one voting district to another, he will ordinarily have to register anew.

It is the responsibility of union leaders, and particularly the officers of local unions, to arouse all unionists to the vital importance

of getting registered and ready to vote on Election Day, November 6.

It is at this time too, that the Women's Auxiliaries of our unions can perform their greatest service to the local unions they assist and to the labor movement as a whole.

In the 1952 elections, more women voted than men, and more women worked at getting out the vote than men.

Give a Lift!

We appeal to our hundreds of thousands of women members and to the thousands more in our auxiliaries to give organized labor the great lift it needs in getting voters registered and getting them to the polls come November 6.

The business of getting voters registered calls for a lot of hard work on details.

One common and effective procedure is to take the list of union members and type it onto cards for ready sorting. The cards then can be separated by the ward and precinct in which the members live.

The next step is to have a responsible union member take the cards to the county courthouse and check them carefully against the list of registered voters.

Each card should have a place for checking whether the member is registered or not; the proper no-

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With the Ladies



Everybody Has a Talent

THIS month I thought perhaps we could devote to a word we often talk about. That word is "talent." How often do we speak of the great talent of some prominent artist or the special ability of some friend or acquaintance?

Many of us speak of talent only to bemoan the fact that we haven't any. Or we talk about our children and bemoan the fact that they haven't any talent.

Now first and foremost let's get one thing straight and I'm not speaking for myself, but for psychologists and educators and people who know what they're talking about. They say that everybody—but everybody—has a talent. True, some have a great deal more than others. Some have so little, it's hard to find—but it's there!

So with that introduction, let's get on with this article and let's discuss the subject in two parts:

- (1) What about our own talent or talents?
- (2) What about our children's talents?

Develop that Talent

Okay, first, our own talents. Perhaps you are one of the lucky ones who has a talent that everyone readily recognizes. Perhaps you sing or play or paint or have great executive ability as a club woman or what have you. If you have talent and know it, then your next question is, what

are you doing with it? I for one believe that if you have a talent it is wrong to let it go unused and undeveloped. As the Bible says no man (or woman) should hide his light under a bushel. If the Good Lord gave us a gift, He expects us to put it to good use for the benefit of our families and our fellow man. So—lady, if you have a definite talent, start today to do your level best with it. Take lessons if you can, practice all you can if it lends itself to such development. And use it all you can. Let's take an example.

Use That Talent

Mary Brown could play the piano—quite well. But did she? No indeed, as far as her talent was concerned, she might as well never have had it for all the good it did for her or anybody else. And then one day, Mary began to think on the subject of talent and that it is wrong not to use it. What did she decide to do? She practiced up. She bought some new songs. She began to play for her teenagers and their friends when they visited her home in the evenings. Her husband joined in and they had some wonderful community sings. Her children are enjoying their home as they never have before and incidentally are amassing some wonderful memories of life at home with Mother and Father.

Mary Brown used her talent for the good of her family. She went even further. She now plays once a week for community singing in the Youth Center in her home town. She's spreading the good her talent can do to her fellow man.

That's just an example. You can think of many more, where talent exists and is or is not being put to use. If you have an outstanding ability—do put it to good use.

Look for that Talent

Now, for those of us—the majority of us—who haven't any big recognizable talent. In our case, we've got to look for and develop the *hidden* talent.

Take inventory. Think of the things—however small or unimportant, that you do well—and like to do. Then take one and develop it

to the best of your ability—again for the good of your family—and your fellow man. Let's take examples.

Lillian Hill could make wonderful cake. That was just about the only thing she could do extraordinarily well. So—she tried to do it better and better. She collected recipes for every kind of cake, domestic or foreign, anybody ever heard of. Then she bought a cake decorating set, made up a batch of icing which she stored in the refrigerator and used over and over—practicing faithfully at making the lovely roses and leaves and curls that professional bakers use to decorate party cakes.

Today Mrs. Hill not only makes the most delicious cakes in the town in which she lives, but the prettiest.

And how does she use this talent she's developed? Well, of course, her family enjoys luscious, beautiful cakes on all highdays and holidays and in between. Often she makes cakes for her daughters to take to parties at school or for friend husband to give to fellow workers at the office on special occasions.

In addition, she is generous in making her now famous cakes for church parties, parent-teacher meetings etc. Her talent—used—has brought her a modest share of fame and has created much happiness for others.

Now for another example. Jean Jones once said she hadn't any talent at all—except perhaps for arranging flowers. She worked on this, studied,



bought a few flower arranging tools and accessories, learned to make a few leaves or blossoms look like a million dollars. Today her home is never without a pretty bouquet or two. Guests remark about them and her family enjoy them so much.



Jean has gone further. She often arranges flowers for Sunday service at her church and when a table decoration is needed for a club banquet or ladies auxiliary luncheon, it is Jean who turns out a floral creation sure to bring out admiring "oh's" and "ah's."

We haven't room for more examples now—but they aren't important anyway. The important thing is for you to take one of your talents and work on it, improve it to the best of your ability and then use it freely.

Now about our children and their hidden talents. A famous educator once said "It's a wise parent who knows how to encourage a child's hidden talent." Every child has a gift for something. It should be recognized and developed. A child's natural interests should be encouraged, because the thing he likes to do, he will do best. This doesn't mean of course, that he be allowed to neglect all the school subjects he doesn't like. It just means he should be encouraged and given time for the thing or things he does like. And you, his mother, should be interested and let him know you are interested and take time to help him develop his talent.

There once was a little boy who didn't do too well in school, but in a class in nature study, he showed a great interest and a rather extensive knowledge of the nature and habits of birds and insects. Wise parents and a wise teacher encouraged this interest and the boy went on to high school and college and shone as an outstanding science student. Today he is a learned naturalist with several books to his credit.

Although few children are geniuses, every child possesses some gift which can become his particular claim

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The Old Sweet Tooth

The men, women and children of the United States and Canada have a notorious sweet tooth. With an eye to pleasing them, we present a favorite dessert recipe guaranteed to satisfy your family's sweet tooth.

Have you tried the easy-to-make delicious Parfait Pies made with gelatin and ice cream? You can use regular pie crust, but Graham Cracker Pie Crust is our favorite with parfait fillings. Here's how:

- 12 crushed Graham Crackers (1½ cups crumbs)
- ⅓ cup sugar
- ½ cup melted butter or shortening

Combine Graham Crackers with sugar; add melted butter or shortening and mix well. Press firmly onto bottom and sides of a buttered 9-inch pie pan. Bake in a 350° F. oven 8-10 minutes. Cool thoroughly before adding filling.

Lemon Parfait Pie

- 1 pkg. lemon jello
- 1¼ cups hot water
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1 baked 9-in. pie shell cooled

Dissolve jello in hot water in two-quart saucepan. Add lemon rind and juice and sugar. Then add ice cream by spoonfuls, stirring until melted.

Chill until thickened but not set (25 to 30 minutes). Turn into pie shell. Chill until firm (20 to 25 minutes). Garnish with whipped cream.

Additional Parfait Pies: Follow same directions as for lemon. The ingredients are:

Peach Parfait Pie

- 1 pkg. strawberry jello
- 1¼ cups hot water
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup drained, sweetened sliced peaches, fresh or frozen

Strawberry Parfait Pie

- 1 pkg. lemon jello
- 1¼ cups hot water
- 1 pint strawberry ice cream
- 1½ cups sliced strawberries

Pineapple Parfait Pie

- 1 pkg. lime jello
- 1½ cups hot liquid (pineapple juice, plus water)
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup drained crushed pineapple

Orange-Cocoanut Parfait

- 1 pkg. orange jello
- 1¼ cups hot orange juice
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup cocoanut, shredded

And here's another famous frozen pie made just a little differently. Use the same Graham Cracker crust.

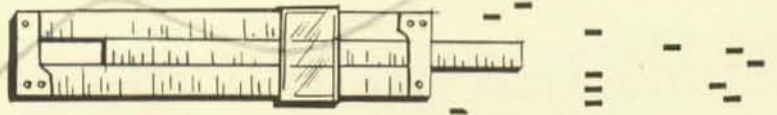
Frozen Lime Pie

- ½ cup lime juice
- 24 marshmallows
- 2 whole eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Grated rind of 2 limes
- 2 or 3 drops green vegetable color
- 1 cup heavy cream—whipped

Melt marshmallows in double boiler with lime juice. Beat eggs until light in color. Gradually add sugar and salt, beating until thick. Pour into this the above mixture, beating during the addition. Add lime rind and green color and mix thoroughly. Let get cold.

When filling is cold, add whipped cream to filling and mix well. Pour into pie shell and cover with aluminum foil. Set in freezing compartment for at least 6 hours.

Notes from the



RESEARCH Department

(With this issue we inaugurate a new feature—news and views from the Research field.)

RESearch Director James E. Noe attended a session of the International Chemical Workers' Union Organizers Conference which was held in Washington, D. C., from August 7 to 11. The subject of the session was "Automation's Impact on Collective Bargaining." ICWU Research Director Otto Pragan told the conference about many different applications of automation: The Cleveland Ford Plant where engine blocks are now processed in 15 minutes, it formerly took 9 hours; push-button food stores in New York and other major U. S. cities where a shopper can buy 60 items in 30 seconds and estimated reduction of cost will free many thousands of clerks; fully automated

warehouses where nothing is touched by human hands and orders are made up by remote push-button control; self contained units which manufacture compressed gas on the user's site unattended by an operator, they maintain themselves automatically and when a break down occurs a telephone rings in maintenance supervisors' homes until someone answers; and a West Coast mining and refinery operation which will introduce 100 percent automation, tripling production by 1959 and reducing the work force from 1400 to 300. These are but a few examples of the changes being brought about by automation.

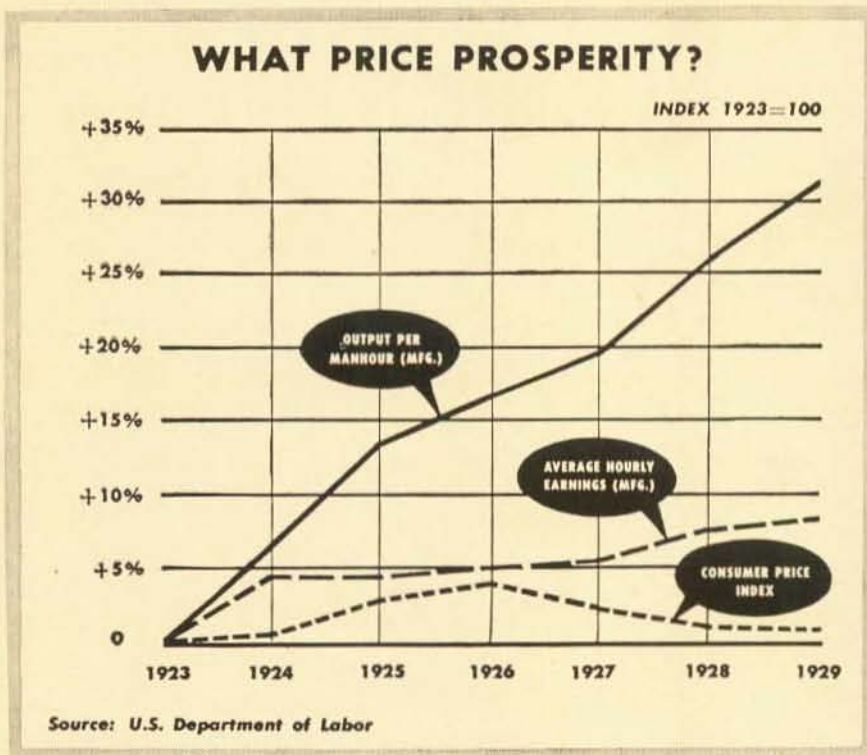
According to Mr. Pragan production in the chemical industry

increased by 53 percent between 1947 and 1954. Employment increased by 1 percent. Furthermore the ratio of hourly paid employees to salaried employees shifted in the same period from 3-1 to 2-1 and in some instances 1-1. These figures highlight the need for conversion plans which insure that replaced workers do not bear the brunt of a changeover. There is no place today for extended technological unemployment. For the total economy this progress is good as long as wages increase, profits increase, quality increases, and prices drop in the right proportions.

To insure that the right economic policy prevails it is necessary for all Americans to become politically aware. A progressive administration should hold the reins of government, one that concerns itself with the welfare of the individual worker as well as the giant corporation.

Mr. Pragan stated that the union's job is to see that the new agreements provided a cushion for the impact of automation. He listed some of the ways in which this can be done: a reduced work week; severance pay or a layoff pay plan; a guaranteed annual wage or supplementary unemployment benefits; a broadening of the seniority base; better retirement systems with adequate pensions and vested rights for the individual; a re-evaluation of jobs with new job classifications and new job rates; and a voice in determining how management shall introduce automatic machines. Retraining was stressed as being one of the most important factors in

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HOW THEY DID IT IN LOUISIANA

LAST month we reviewed briefly the bitter fight that is underway in many states to have vicious, anti-labor so-called "Right-to-Work" laws placed on the statute books. These laws which should be labeled "Right-to-Scab" are far more stringent than "Taft-Hartley," because they outlaw the union shop which has always been organized labor's greatest strength and aid.

Last month we told of Montana's successful battle to smash the "wreck" law drive and spoke hopefully of the situation in the State of Washington. At this writing, however, it appears that Initiative 198, Washington's "Right-to-Work" measure, will appear on the ballot in November. The number of signatures on the petition checked so far, have had an "unusually high" percentage of validity according to the superintendent of elections for the state, and it is reasonable to assume that there will be the required number of authentic signatures (50,000).

It is now up to our labor union and other liberal-minded people of the great State of Washington, to see that all the citizens of Washington come to know this bill for what it is and defeat it.

And that is the battle that is going on in many states of our nation as we stated above. And it is on that battleground—to keep such laws from being passed—that we urge our union members to fight with all the strength they can muster. For the labor union members of the 17 states which have "Right-to-Work" laws can bear eloquent witness to the fact that it is extremely difficult to get rid of the law once it is passed.

The labor unionists in these 17 states (Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Mis-



This is the Louisiana State Capitol in Baton Rouge where labor waged its victorious battle to repeal the state's so-called "right-to-work" law recently.

issippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennes-

see, Texas, Utah and Virginia) are doing all in their power to have the "wreck" laws in their state repealed—but it's a long, hard battle.

One state, Louisiana, has been successful in bringing about repeal but the labor people of that state can vouch for the fact that it was not easy.

We bring you a few notes here on how they did it in Louisiana in the hope that they will be helpful to others in the 17 "Right-to-Work" states. The methods used by Louisiana labor may not be directly applicable in all other states but study of them may offer some worthwhile tips.

Here are the Louisiana statistics which show the result of the unity-and-work campaign.

Out of 46 members of the State House of Representatives who voted in 1954 for the "Right-to-Work" bill and sought re-election, 20 were beaten. Ten out of 19 senators who voted for the bill were beaten.

Among 34 incumbent House members who voted against the bill in 1954, 19 were re-elected and seven of 13 incumbent senators were re-elected. Even more important, in more than a dozen cases, both the incumbents and their victorious opponents stood firmly for repeal.

The story of how this victory was achieved falls into two parts.

There was the overall campaign directed by the merged State Labor Council and its controlling seven-member executive committee. There was a separate operation in New Orleans, where 75 percent of union membership is concentrated and the big job was to get people registered and to the polls.

Here's a brief summary of the

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A LOOK AT EWBA STATISTICS

Benefit Association Records Show Longevity of Members Continues to Increase Year After Year

THE past quarter century has witnessed a great change in life expectancy rates for all races and both sexes here in the United States. During this time, we find that 10 years have been added to the average length of life in the United States from 59.7 years (in 1930) to 69.6 years (in 1954). This last figure is the *average* length of life; it does not mean, however, that Americans may not expect to live to the age of 70 and beyond. On the contrary, we find the 1954 estimate average remaining lifetime for various age groups in the chart below offers hope for greater longevity.

Chronic Diseases

Thus with the population enjoying on the whole a longer life-span than 25 years ago, we find

that mortality rates due to chronic diseases which strike most heavily in later years in life, have come to the forefront as causes of fatalities. In 1955 the major cardiovascular-renal diseases accounted for more than half of all deaths in this country. Cancer, with high specific death rates at middle and old age, was the second greatest killer.

Death Rates Reduced

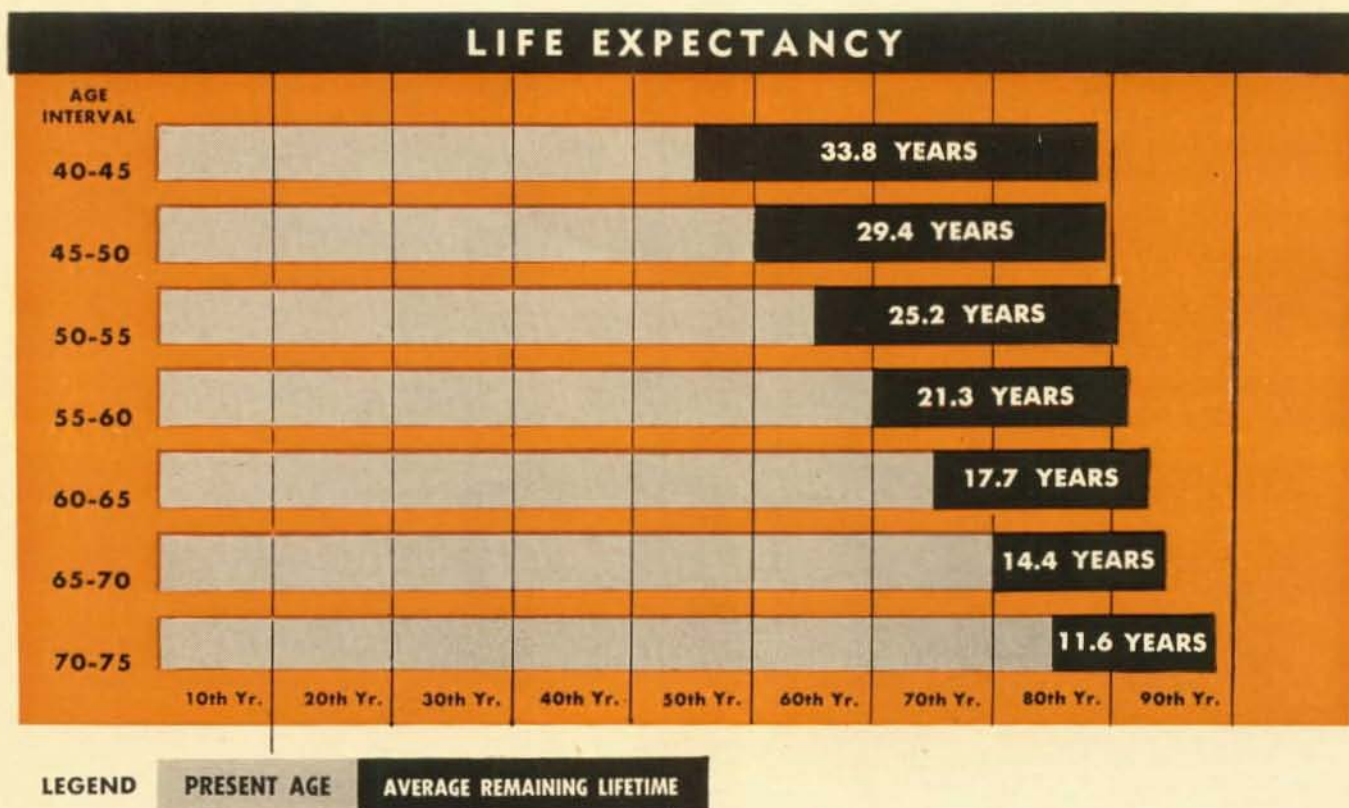
Death rates for communicable and certain respiratory diseases which once preyed heavily on all age groups, have been greatly reduced, so that death rates below the age of 45 (before the growing onslaught of chronic diseases) are low in comparison with earlier years.

This change has, of course, been

evident too in mortality rates of EWBA members. Of all deaths of EWBA members reported during the year 1930 (a total of 415), 113 deaths were in age groups 40-49 years. One hundred and ten deaths were in age group 50-59 years. There were 93 deaths in the very young group 30-39 years. Only 43 members had reached the life-span between 60 and 69 years at death; while 42 died in the prime of life, 20-29 years of age. Only eight deaths were reported between ages 70-78. Three deaths at ages younger than 20 and one death in the octogenarian group were reported. (The ages of two members were not listed.)

Age Comparison

Now let's compare the ages at death given above with those of



EWBA members reported during the year 1955. Out of a total of 2248 deaths reported, the largest number, 678, occurred between the ages 50-59; while the next largest group, 634, occurred between ages 60-69. About half this number, 343, occurred in the 40-49 span. There were 275 deaths between ages 70-79 and 155 deaths in the 30-39 age span. Seventy-six members died in their twenties, 75 in their eighties, one in his nineties and one before reaching age 20. (The ages of 10 members were not listed.)

Older at Death

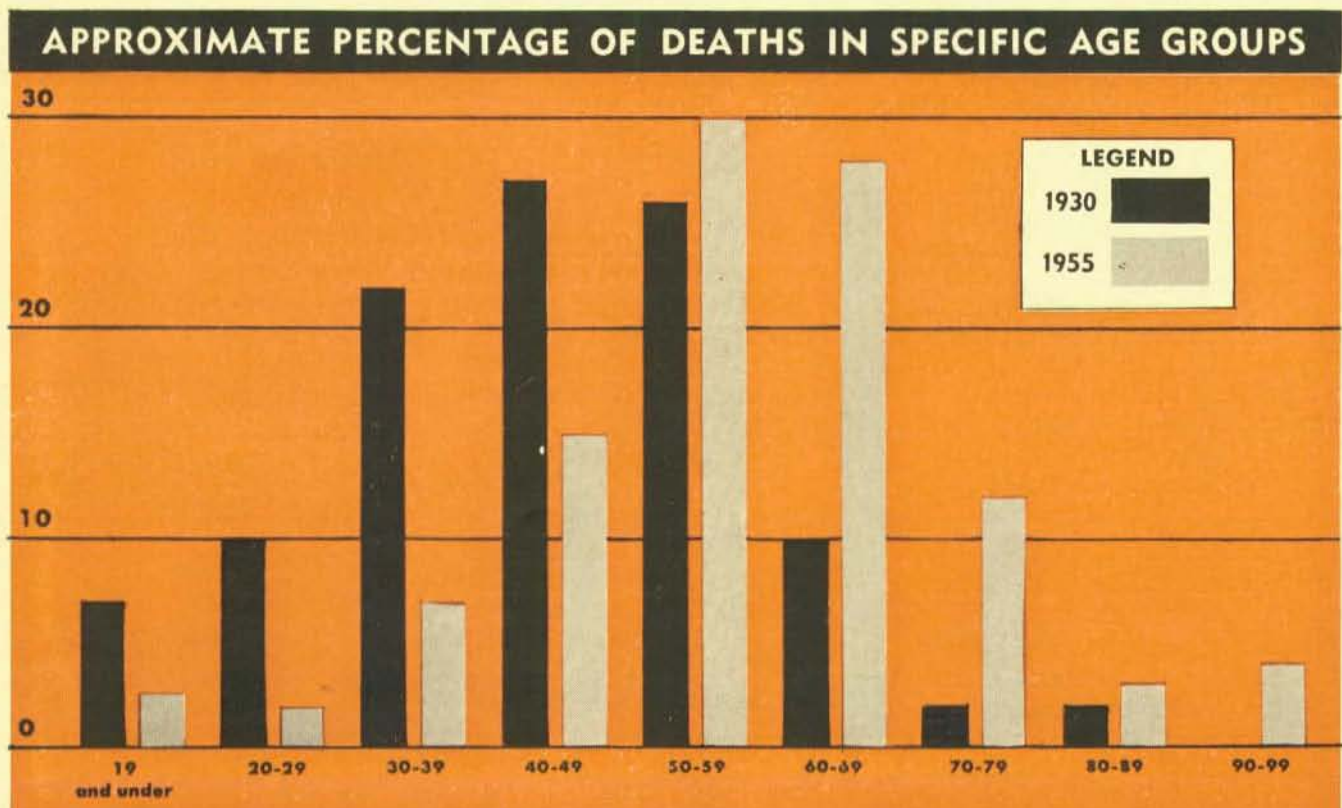
These figures must be considered percentage-wise in order to realize graphically, that death takes our members today at much older ages than was the case 25 years ago. The chart below shows:

If EWBA members are living longer today than 25 years ago, as is the rest of the nation on the whole, do the same illnesses prove fatal to our members as to the average American?

We all know that accident fatalities among early electricians were very high. And it has only been
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EWBA DEATHS REPORTED IN 1930 First Seven Causes	FIRST SEVEN CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE U.S. FOR 1930
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accidents and violence 2. Heart disease 3. Pneumonia and bronchial diseases 4. Cancer 5. Tuberculosis 6. Cerebral vascular disease 7. Nephritis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heart disease 2. Pneumonia and influenza 3. Cancer and malignancies 4. Nephritis 5. Intracranial lesions of vascular origin 6. Accidents 7. Tuberculosis

EWBA DEATHS REPORTED IN FIRST SEVEN CAUSES 1955 (estimated)	FIRST SEVEN CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE U.S. FOR 1955 (estimated)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heart disease 2. Cancer (malignancies) 3. Accidents and violence 4. Cerebral vascular disease 5. Pneumonia and bronchial disease 6. General arteriosclerosis 7. Uremia 	<p>(excluding certain diseases of early infancy, fetal deaths or those among armed forces overseas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heart disease 2. Malignant neoplasms 3. Vascular lesions of central nervous system 4. Accidents (including vehicular) 5. Pneumonia and influenza 6. General arteriosclerosis 7. Diabetes mellitus



THIS IS SHOW BUSINESS!



CRITICS have called the 1955-56 theater season the best in years. Broadway has evidently done itself proud with a sparkling list of hits including Lillian Hellman's adaptation of "The Lark" and Christopher Fry's "Tiger at the Gates."

With the Great White Way again so glittering, we thought it a good time to go back and review some of the highlights of the history of the theater in the United States that have brought it to its present eminence.

What probably was the first play in English acted in the present limits of the United States was staged way back in 1665 by a group of amateurs in Accomac County, Virginia. Three young actors involved were rewarded for their pioneering efforts by being hailed into court on charges that they acted "Ye Bare and Ye Cubb." (Happily they were found "not guilty of fault.")

Opposition to drama on religious grounds persisted in the American colonies to such an extent that a century or more passed from the time of this feeble beginning until the time when plays could legally be presented in such cities as Philadelphia (1787) and Boston (1791).

There had, of course, been plays staged during the intervening years in some parts of the colonies such as Virginia and South Carolina, but "play-acting" was not sanctioned generally, being looked on in some sections as actually sinful in its very nature.

This was not a background from which would easily spring actors and playwrights of the first rank, so the theater in the colonies remained for a time a fledgling indeed, depending a great deal on English touring companies.

During the Revolutionary War, English troops who held most of the port cities, entertained themselves by staging amateur plays. Perhaps the idea caught on, but at any rate it is true that during the War for Independence several native dramas made their appearance.

Then in 1787 a Bostonian, Royall Tyler, wrote *The Contrast*, a comedy of manners and in fact the first performed American comedy. It was staged in New York and amusingly contrasting as it did Col. Manly, an American officer, with Dimple of the affected English fashions, Tyler's play became an instant success.

There followed a rather steady stream of native plays, but un-

fortunately they were not of the first literary rank. However, during the post-war period, theaters were reopened, and new ones erected. Many of these play houses maintained resident stock companies, while foreign stars were important too for their box office appeal. Much of the moral objection to drama was disappearing

George M. Cohan, of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" fame is one of the immortal greats in U. S. entertainment annals.



and it is noted that even George Washington was a patron of popular plays of this time.

During the 19th century many plays appeared having for their subject matter such themes as Indian, Italian or American history. However, the only outstanding American dramatist of this "Romantic Period" was George Henry Boker (1823-1890) who produced in his *Francesca da Rimini* what is considered to be the best verse drama staged in English in the 19th century.

Although weak on the playwrighting end, the last century in America was a great age of actors. Both British and American entertainers attracted great individual followings throughout the country. We have such outstanding names as the English imports Edmund Kean and Charles Kemble and Kemble's daughter Fanny, who won widespread fame for her portrayal of Juliet. Also there was Junius Brutus Booth, who appeared for the first time in America in 1821 as Richard III, and then settled in this country where his actor children Junius, Jr., John Wilkes and Edwin were born. (Later Edwin Booth became renowned for his Shakespearean roles, setting a record of 100 performances for Hamlet

Edwin Booth, a brother of Lincoln's killer, has been called by some the greatest actor ever in this nation.

which was not broken until the time of Barrymore and Gielgud. He has been called America's greatest actor.)

Among ranking American actors of the early 19th century were actor-playwright John Howard Payne; James Henry Hackett, America's most famous Falstaff; and E. L. Davenport, "one of the most scholarly and tender Hamlet's ever to appear on the American stage."

We must deviate now for a mo-



Below: "Oklahoma!" made millions of people go away humming the hit tunes of the Rodgers-Hammerstein success.



"Life With Father," a comedy about family conflicts of a strong-willed man, ran a record-breaking 6 years.

ment, in our tracing of the legitimate theater, to point out three related forms of entertainment which were a popular part of 19th century theater development.

It was during this period that the native theater form, the Negro Minstrel Show, came into being (about 1828-29). Thomas D. Rice popularized the black-face Negro minstrel across our nation and in England too. So popular did these shows become that countless troupes played across the United States in every city and town and borough for nearly 100 years.

Variety, or Vaudeville, got its start about this same time (1826),

at first appealing to lower classes. Women for a time were rarely seen at a performance. But eventually the famous Tony Pastor took a hand in changing the character of vaudeville so that it became advertised as a clean "family-type" show.

Vaudeville, like minstrelsy, took to the road with its trained seals, acrobats and tumblers, dancers and singers and actresses of dramatic sketches, hitting every town in the U.S.A. Variety's golden top rung of the ladder became the Palace Theater in New York—the "big-time" goal of every song and dance team in every road show from Bangor to Fresno. Unfortunately, in our own day, vaudeville died out in competition to motion pictures.

A phenomenon in the history of



Above: Raymond Massey was hailed for his role in the epic "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" penned by Maxwell Anderson.



Mary Martin scored an outstanding success on Broadway in the title role of "Peter Pan," the fantasy which has entranced young and old alike since it was written by James Barrie in 1904. It has had movie and TV treatment too.

the American stage was the "Tom Show." *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852), a novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe, was made into a play by George L. Aiken and performed in New York where it established a record of 300 performances. And then the Tom Show went into touring companies, so that countless troupes of actors preceded by bands and bloodhounds, much like a circus procession, carried Uncle Tom and Little Eva throughout most of the United States. Tom Shows remained a popular form of enter-

tainment for some 50 years and every child actress for generations learned the part of Little Eva.

Returning now to the main stream of the legitimate theater we find that one of the most characteristic sides of the American stage is its musical. At first America had imported dancers as well as ideas for staging from Europe, but it was not too long before the United States was excelling in this field and European capitals were knocking on our doors for shows to set their people singing.



The American stage attracted many of Europe's greatest artists. One such was Sarah Bernhardt, who performed on U. S. visits from 1880 until 1917.



The Electrical Workers'

The musical extravaganza field was well covered from the time of the elaborate staging of the "Black Crook," at Niblos' Garden back in 1866, through the Ziegfeld Follies, George White Scandals and Earl Carroll Vanities.

At the same time there was developing a wonderful excellence in musical plays so that it was not surprising that in 1932 the Kaufman-Ryskind play with songs by Ira and George Gershwin, *Of Thee I Sing*, became the first musical to take the Pulitzer Prize. In recent years such musicals as Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma* and *South Pacific* are proof positive that musical comedy is "the most notable native product."

American dramatists had not made much of an appearance in the 19th century, but the end of the century and beginning of the 20th witnessed a change from romantic to realistic writing and we have such works as those of Bronson Howard, Clyde Fitch, Augustus Thomas and David Belasco.

One of the latter's plays, *The Girl I Left Behind Me*, opened Charles Frohman's resplendent new Empire Theater on New York's 40th Street back in 1893.



One of the greatest Shakespearean actors is Maurice Evans, who presently is producing *The Bard* on television.

From thenceforth the Empire became "holy ground" for those in the theater, so that many of the great moments of American theater occurred within its walls. We have space to note only a few of those events of theater history.

Maude Adams became a star here in 1897 as Lady Babbie in *The Little Minister*. She appeared here from 1895 until about 1917,

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Below: Many husband-wife teams have performed on U. S. stages but Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, seen here in "Amphitryon 38," are one of foremost.



The rage of Broadway today is "My Fair Lady" for tickets to which you will wait for many weeks. It is a re-do of Shaw's "Pygmalion."

Helen Hayes, here shown in a scene from "Victoria Regina," has often been characterized as "the queen of the American stage." She has the honor of having a Broadway theater named for her.



Louisiana

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work of the State Labor Council.

K. G. Flory, executive vice president of the state council, points out that in Louisiana, "we merged effectively in May 1955 for the fight for repeal."

"We formed a united labor organization to fight the 'Right-to-Work' principle in 1954 and we never disbanded."

Real "merger" for the political fight came a year before the legislature was scheduled to meet.

There were important factors which brought success in Louisiana.

A key decision was made to concentrate on the legislature, to stay out of the fight for the governorship and other state offices and elect a legislature with members committed to support repeal.

A second major decision for the State Labor Council was to create a seven-member executive committee to centralize control of every detail of the latter part of the year-long drive—from the elections clear through the legislative session.

In 1955 one-day meetings of union leaders were held in every congressional district of the state to lay out a program that everyone could support and understand.

Council President Victor Bussie reports that the campaign included a specific effort to get help from legislative candidates in rural parishes (counties).

"We would find some candidate who seemed to have a good chance to win against an incumbent who had voted in 1954 against us," Bussie reports.

"We would present our case to him, pointing out that while in his rural area the law might have little impact it meant life and death to us.

"If he indicated that if elected he would be friendly and reasonable, we would support him."

With Louisiana's elections finished, members of the Executive Committee promptly traveled the state calling personally on all elected members who had previously indicated "friendliness."

"It is impossible to overestimate

the importance of this personal contact after the election," says Bussie.

"In the past, we who were responsible for the legislative program might not know half the members before the session convened," he points out. "And we had not done the political work during the campaign."

"We changed both of these defects," he says with considerable satisfaction.

There were other changes:

In 1954, labor fought the "Right-to-Wreck" bill with a major publicity campaign and scores of protesting local spokesmen appearing before the legislative committees.

"It is essential to have a skillful

full-time publicity man," Bussie says. But there was no major publicity campaign—no posters, no newspaper advertisements, no handbills.

"We played down the publicity, since we can't possibly outspend the big interests, and we found that the more quietly we worked the more effective we were," Bussie and Flory agree.

The publicity director, Jack McCarthy's, job was to give professional advice to the executive committee and to send, each week, a terse, informative newsletter on the progress of repeal to labor's own leaders all over the state.

When the legislature met and the repealer drive reached its height, other major decisions were made.

"We cut out the rank-and-file 'mass demonstrations' before committees or at any other time. We had to explain to our own union business agents that they should stay away, but they agreed to trust our judgment," Bussie says.

"The result was that we got friendly comment from the press on the dignity, and effectiveness with which labor had presented its case. It's the only friendly comment we got—the state's big dailies were unanimously opposed to repeal—but we did get that."

When the time for voting came in both House and Senate, the executive committee got help from other union leaders to watch the floor, to make sure that all labor's friends were in their seats when the roll calls were taken.

There were plenty of opponents—The Free Enterprise Association, the Farm Bureau Federation, the American Sugar Cane League, a thing calling itself the Right-to-Work Council of Louisiana.

Fred A. Hartley, Jr., representing the National Right-to-Work Council, was in Louisiana just before the legislative session.

But labor had organized its forces effectively, and the executive committee working in this state capital, had the complete cooperation of the regional AFL-CIO office headed by the veteran E. H. Williams, who for many

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Who is this ?



The young fellow pictured here astride a donkey (He was a Democrat even then.) is a member of a Southern local. Until recently, he worked as an International Representative in the Fourth District, but is now at the I.O. The man in the picture is his Dad, who was then and still is an I.B.E.W. member.

(Answer to last month's "Who Is This?"—International Representative William C. Creveling, formerly of the Ninth District, now an Assistant to the International President in the I.O.)

A Look at EWBA Statistics

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since electrical codes and standards, safety training and safety measures have been put into effect that the lineman's job has become less hazardous and the rate of electrocutions and falls has been reduced. But the rate has been reduced, and so today while accidents from all causes still seem to be slightly higher than average among our members, in general deaths are caused by about the same factors causing deaths throughout the nation.

Different Picture Today

We can see from the lists at right that this is true. And we can see too, that 25 years ago the picture was a great deal different for Electrical Workers than for the average throughout the nation.

From the charts above we find that among our members accidental and other violent deaths which may strike at any age, have given up their first place among causes of mortality, to the diseases of the heart which are, generally speaking, diseases of middle and old age. And then too, among our members the pattern has followed that of the nation, so that infectious and certain respiratory diseases which were prevalent among all age groups and were high on the list of fatal diseases, have decreased tremendously, and given way to chronic diseases of older age as the main causes of death.

Other Observations

In completing this study of death causes a few further observations are brought to mind.

A vast improvement in safety measures over the past quarter century has brought a great reduction in threat of electrocution among electrical workers. In 1930 there were 32 electrocutions or 7.6 percent out of 415 reported EWBA deaths. Just five years ago, in 1951, there were 72 electrocutions or four percent of EWBA deaths for that year. In 1955 there were about 55 deaths resulting from electrocution or electrical

burns out of 2248 reported deaths, or 2.4 percent. We hope that increased safety practices and safety conscious members will not only continue to reduce but to eliminate completely this terrible yearly sacrifice of human life on the high lines.

Accidents and violence in 1930

accounted for 26.7 percent of all EWBA deaths reported, while in 1951 they amounted to 15 percent. In 1955 they had dropped to 10 percent. Since 1930 this cause of death then, has dropped from first, to second, and now to third place among EWBA members. Since a great many of these accidents are automobile or other vehicular, we look for the day when they will be at the bottom of the list for Electrical Workers.

EWBA DEATHS REPORTED IN 1955—BY CAUSE (figures are estimated)

Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	694
Mainly myocardial infarction, occlusion, thrombosis, etc.	675
Also including:	
Hypertension	11
Circulatory failure	8
Cancer and tumor	290
Accidents and violence	232
Including:	
Electrocutions and elec. burns	55
Suicides	35
Drownings	10
Falls and vehicular accidents, etc	132
Cerebral vascular disease	143
Including cerebral hemorrhage, embolism occlusion, edema, thrombosis, abscess of brain etc.	
Pneumonia, bronchial and other respiratory diseases	115
(Excluding tuberculosis)	
General arteriosclerosis	36
Uremia	28
Cirrhosis of liver, hepatic failure and other hepatic	24
Nephritis, other kidney and urinary	15
Uleers	13
Tuberculosis	11
Paralysis	10
Parkinson's disease	6
Polio	3
Other	1
Diabetes	9
Asthma	9
Hodgkin's Disease	7
Septicemia and toxemia	5
Anemia	3
Disease of Gall Bladder	3
Silicosis	1
Hemorrhage of various kinds	40
Natural Causes	116
All other and unknown	444
TOTAL	2,248

Local Lines

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

Cites Missouri as Ideal Vacation Spot

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—If you are planning a vacation during September, plan to stop awhile in St. Louis and the Missouri Ozarks. Throughout Missouri we have excellent fishing and in St. Louis we have wonderful summer entertainment. In Forest Park, a 1300-acre naturally-wooded public park, is our fabulous Municipal Opera where light opera and top musical shows are presented each evening in an outdoor theatre seating over 15,000 persons. On the other end of town on the mighty Mississippi River is the all-steel, five deck excursion boat, the "Admiral." It's completely air-conditioned for comfort. For a big laugh spend a night on the

"Show Boat" where old fashioned melodrama is presented each night, and you can hiss the villain to your heart's content.

But best of all, come for a visit to our "Little World's Fair," which will be presented during the month of September. Here's what *Scene* magazine said about the Jubilee:

"An annual major exposition of regional scope, called Mid-America Jubilee, will have its initial 30-day presentation on the Riverfront, St. Louis throughout September. Combined in one comprehensive, spectacular city-country attraction, will be the best of all major facets of this vast and richly productive mid-continent area."

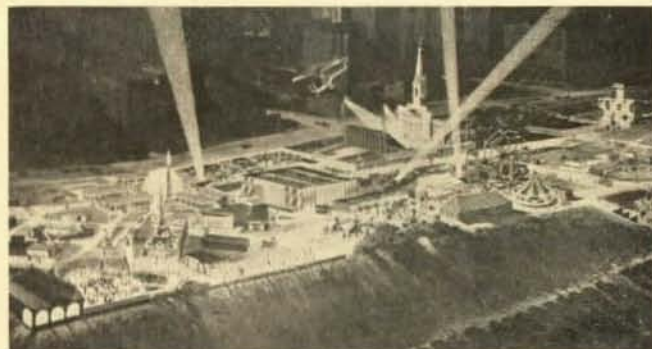
The riverfront location, the ultimate site of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, was selected not

only because the Mississippi is the dramatic essence of the expansive St. Louis area, but easily accessible and has ample room for expansion and parking.

Broad participation, reflecting all elements of Mid-America, will dramatize the economic-social inter-dependence of rural and urban populations of the region, not only to stimulate business in the St. Louis area, but to provide a billboard for the community aspirations and achievements of St. Louis and the more than five million citizens in the surrounding area.

Modern design and new building techniques will mark the physical appearance of the Jubilee exhibition structures, which in themselves will constitute exhibits. A contrast from the contemporary approach will be the re-creation of a charming old-time beer garden of the 1904 era in St. Louis, inspired by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of that year. This nostalgic "Meet Me in St. Louie, Louie" atmosphere, incorporating appropriately costumed dance bands playing old-time German waltzes and polkas with turn-of-the-century entertainment, will serve to further emphasize St. Louis' importance as a brewery center. The balance of the

Vacation Land in St. Louis



This is the beginning of the Mid-America Jubilee to be held in St. Louis throughout the month of September. This picture at left shows the transformer gang distributing the many 100 k.v.a transformers that will furnish light and power for this little world's fair. Try to arrange to spend your vacation in St. Louis during this fair. At right is an artist's conception of the Mid-America Jubilee when it opens. There will be rides, exhibits, stage shows and a generally wonderful time in St. Louis.



No visit to St. Louis is complete without a trip on the steamer "ADMIRAL", left. On your visit to St. Louis this year plan to spend an afternoon with the children on a picnic trip up the mighty Mississippi to view all the picturesque and historical sights along the Illinois and Missouri shores. The night trip is for music and dancing and sight-seeing from the upper deck. Right: One of the most interesting sights along the St. Louis river front is the "GOLDEN ROD" show boat. The show boat has been anchored at the water front for many years and produces old time melodrama plays, performing to full houses regularly. The audience bring their picnic lunch and you can hiss the villain, cheer the hero, and enjoy a cold bottle of beer and a sandwich at the same time.

exhibit area will maintain the high-level-of-design treatment resulting in exciting, attractive, imagination-provoking and functional exhibit pavilions. One of the seven large pavilions planned is a Geodesic Dome incorporating a "theatre in the round" concept for the display of apparel arts with a continuous program of fashion shows daily.

An extensive Agriculture and Livestock area will play a dominant part in the overall exposition. A model farm, typical of the midwest area, will form the nucleus for related activities, such as displays of all types of farm equipment, from the smallest hand cultivator to the giant tractors and combines used on the farm. Participation by individuals and rural groups will highlight the daily judging of prize livestock, poultry, and related agricultural interests and will represent the widest possible community inter-relationship.

The outstanding entertainment attraction of the exposition will be a spectacle show which will run nightly through the initial 30-day span of Mid-America Jubilee's operation this year. In terms of script, music and dance, it will project through popular entertainment the accomplishments and aspirations of St. Louis and surrounding area. Produced by an accomplished professional staff, the cast will include a star of national magnitude, several hundred professional singers, actors and dancers augmented by the extensive participation of civic groups, schools, choirs, musical organizations, etc.

The physical site, with the Old Cathedral as the dramatic back-

Happy Local 1 Ceremony



International Representative Carl Mitchell presents the Brotherhood's 50-year pin and scroll to veteran Robert (Bob) Sahrman. Bob is retired and enjoys the advantages of a Brotherhood pension. From left are Mitchell, Sahrman, Business Manager Ed. Redemeier, President John O'Sheay and Secretary Leo Hennessey.

ground, its portico expanded into a huge stage surrounded by an amphitheatre, with a capacity for 4,500 spectators, affords a unique setting suggestive of the spiritual heritage of St. Louis appropriate to the theme of the show.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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Electrical Industry Awards Scholarships

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—On June 2, 1956, 18 Scholarships each in the amount of \$5,000 were awarded as a result of the Eighth Annual

Scholarship program that is sponsored by the Joint Industry Board, and the Electrical Industry.

The scholarship awards were presented by Dean Emeritus, Dr. Harry J. Carman of Columbia University and Educational Advisor to the Joint Industry Board.

As a result of the Eighth Annual Scholarship Award, 85 scholarships have been awarded. The total cash value of the scholarships since the inception of the program is \$426,360, or an average of \$5,000 per winner. Up to this point, several engineers, one doctor and one dentist, have graduated under this program with more than 20 having already received their

New Journeymen of Toledo



At the 18th Annual Apprentice Graduation of Local 8, Toledo, Ohio, the members of the graduating class and of the committee particularly enjoy the proceedings.

Empire State Graduation Held



These were the graduating apprentices and the local officers at the Third Annual Graduation Exercises and Dinner-Dance of Local 25, Long Island, N.Y. Seated, left to right: Graduates Charles Hanington, John Russell, Vincent Walsh, Richard Baade, Jr. Richard Wallace, John Costello, Melvin Beers, John Ruth and Roy Anderson. Standing: James Neumeyer, instructor; Jack Panoff, instructor; John Krajewski, instructor; Leon Ritterstein, graduate; Edward Howell, graduate; James McCarroll, Jr., graduate; Herbert L'Hommedieu, instructor; George Wheeler, vice-president, Local 25; Joseph Gramer, business manager, Local 25; Frank Galalis, graduate; Rev. Richard H. J. Hanley, chairman, I.S.B.; Ralph Johnson, graduate; John Vanston, graduate; Anthony DeMayo, graduate; Charles Quit, graduate, David Walker, graduate; Walter Thomson, graduate; Joseph Cavanagh, graduate and Walter Kraker, graduate.

Bachelor's degree and now working on their Master's degree. A total of 65 boys and 20 girls, sons and daughters of our members, have received the scholarship awards.

The highlight at this affair, attended by more than 800 persons, was the inspiring report of Irving Brown, A.F.L.-C.I.O. and International Representative in Europe.

At a special meeting attended by all members employed by the General Electric Appliance Company, their new contract was unanimously approved. The negotiating team of six members together with our representatives, reported on the many benefits that will accrue to each of our members as a result of these negotiations. The contract increases the minimum scale for Journeymen who repair appliances from \$2.20 per hour to \$2.35 per hour. Those men who do work on special assignments on major appliances, will receive an increase in their rate from \$2.45 per hour to \$2.60 per hour.

The shop rate was increased 55 cent per hour over a three-year period. The shop rate was immediately increased from \$1.95 per hour to \$2.35 per hour.

The business manager's office is continuing its program to organize those workers employed in the very highly competitive branch of our industry and was successful in organizing three new shops. In organizing one shop, it was necessary to conduct a strike for a one-week period.

As a result of organizing these shops and workers, they will receive the security provided by our pension

plan, a 10 cent-per-hour-wage increase, paid holidays, vacations and other benefits that unorganized workers usually do not receive.

It is inspiring to the officers of our union that newly-organized members of our union take a keen and deep interest in its affairs. This feeling of confidence in the trade union movement by newly organized workers, is necessary and important to the growth of the trade union movement.

ARMAND D'ANGELO, P.S.

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Toledo, Ohio is Set For New Construction

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—With the humidity battling about 90 percent, it isn't any fun battling away at this keyboard but that time in the month has arrived so here goes. We have been telling you for quite some time that this city is in the process of becoming the biggest and best city on the Great Lakes. That other people share our views was shown by recent announcements from industrialists in published reports as to what they are going to build in this city. Without any gazing into a "crystal ball" to see it, within a period of less than one year from now, there will have been started over 150 million dollars worth of new construction in our territory.

Among other things, the following is in the picture. Sohio is going to expand its facilities at their refining plant on Otter Creek road to the tune of nearly 40 millions. Toledo Edison has already commenced getting the

foundations in for their second unit at the Bay Shore plant, another 135,000 unit. The Atomic Power plant is due to get underway at Monroe Michigan plus a nine millionbuck powerhouse close by. The atom job is set at about 35 million. The Edison job in the Bay Shore plant will be close to 22 million. Plaskon has a small job project at a mere three million at the Glendale plant. Doehler-Jarvis is ready to spend two and a half millions. Howard Johnson of the restaurant family is putting up a new motel and eating establishment on Reynolds Road near the Ohio Turnpike which in round figures hits 900,000 of those good round dollars. If you are tired of reading in the millions of dollars by this time, there are 20 smaller projects in the making which will aggregate over 15 more of those millions.

HOWEVER DON'T START PACKING YOUR FIFTY TWO ARTICLES IN YOUR SUITCASE AND TAKING OFF FOR OUR CITY WITH THE EXPECTATION OF GETTING IN ON ONE OF THESE JOBS. THEY ARE ALL AT LEAST A YEAR AWAY.

Our 18th class of apprentices were given their diplomas in style at the Secor Hotel where they enjoyed one of those dinners you read about but so seldom get. The enclosed picture was taken at the event. Seated at the table are the graduates. From left to right: James J. Louy, Richard E. Owen, Wade M. Stanberry, Charles C. Swyers, Jr. John Kujawaand, Francis R. Nagy. In the rear row are Clarence F. Hammer, secretary of the

Toledo Chapter, Curt Schick, coordinator of Apprentice Training, Toledo Board of Education, Herb C. Dehring, Art Lang, Morris Dorn, Robert Hammer, Leo Mahoney and Ralph Clark members of the Toledo Area committee and Henry Przelomski, United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprentice Training. We wish them a long and prosperous career at their chosen profession.

It isn't getting any cooler so we will call it a mile hoping that the next time we are trying to give you some facts about our fair city it will be a little cooler. We will be seeing you in these columns next month we hope with something that is really startling.

BILL CONWAY, R.S.

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L. U. 17 Works Hard In Michigan Heat

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—Our summer season, delayed as it was,

VOTE but...

don't vote in the dark



Study the issues and the candidates and then decide where you stand

brought with it all the havoc of tornadoes and electric storms which seem to have become normal to this section, and have kept most of our members busy over the weekends. Now that hot weather and all the discomforts which go with it have made these things less popular, faraway places with cool mountain lakes and splashy streams are the subjects of most of our members' dreams.

A delegation from Local 17 attended an I.B.E.W. state convention in

Lansing. Aside from the township inspection bill 1225 which the inside people have long sponsored, the report on wages which set the pattern of 15 cents and in some cases a plus 2 cents welfare, beginning May 1, was very gratifying to the commercial people and the municipal electric light employees. However the electric light and power companies negotiated a 2½ percent nationwide improvement factor increase. It helps us to brace ourselves to the task of making all American industry an industrial democracy.

The second series of collective bargaining classes conducted by Dr. Levenson of the University of Michigan for Local 17, has ended for this season. For this series he brought in guests speakers; a professional negotiator and labor consultant, a U.S. conciliator, and a member of the American Arbitration Association. Their practical, professional experience was both interesting and of inestimable value to a group studying collective bargaining, expecting to put into practice the fundamental and

At Local 25, N. Y., Graduation Exercises



From left are: Joseph Gramer, business manager, Local 25; Herman Scheld, past president, N.E.C.A. Chapter; James Neumeyer, instructor. A. C. Roeder, president, N.E.C.A. Chapter; Edward Klouda, instructor and George Wheeler, vice-president, Local 25.



From left: Edward Klouda, instructor; George Wheeler, vice-president, Local 25; Rev. Richard H. J. Hanley, chairman, I.S.B.; George Wheeler, vice-president, Local 25; Rev. Richard H. J. Hanley, chairman, I.S.B., and Joseph Gramer, Business, Manager Local 25.

practical application of this training supplemented with actual facts and figures compiled in research.

Local 1325, composed of line board dispatchers at the Detroit Edison Company, has been merged with Local 17 and now we hope that they, as equal members, can and will help us build a better union and secure for themselves improved hours and working conditions through a larger unit of collective bargaining. The merger was handled by Mal Harris of the International Office.

Election of officers for the next two years, as in other locals stirs a flurry of interest at this time and since our program calls for improved work conditions and economic equality in the comparable trades, our officers for the new term will find it a busy one for "collective bargaining is the primary interest of organized labor."

ROBERT GUYOT, P.S.

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Foremen's School is Closed for Summer

L. U. 25, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—That period of the year we all look forward to—vacation time—is once more with us. Our Foremen's School has been closed and will not resume sessions until September.

I am sure that both the students and the instructors are pleased with this opportunity to relax. It has been a grind, especially for the instructors.

This year, we had five three-hour sessions per week because of the large backlog of Brothers, who enrolled for the course. The course runs for two years, and each class has one three-hour session per week.

Our school has been in existence for four years, and, each year, it seems it gains in popularity. This is reflected in the attendance at classes, which is very close to perfect.

On Wednesday evening, May 16, 1956, we held our Third Annual Graduation Exercises and Dinner-Dance at the Riverside Inn, Smithtown, New York. Twenty-three Brothers were honored at this affair and were presented with their certificates of completion.

All expenses for this affair are underwritten by our Industrial Stabilization Board, which is a joint board of contractors and officers of the local union with an impartial chairman, which position, at the present time, is held by Rev. Richard H. J. Hanley, who has had considerable experience in the labor movement.

Business Manager "Joe" Gramer acted as toast master and did his usual good job.

The list of guests included all officers of the local and the N.E.C.A. Chapter and all who serve on the joint committees.

The principal speaker of the eve-

ning was the Rev. Richard H. J. Hanley, who, although limited for time, gave a very interesting talk on the industry in general, and the relationship and responsibilities that should exist between the employer and his employees, and the responsibilities of both to the customer.

Brother Charles Mulligan, who was co-chairman, from the contractors' group, of the committee on arrangements for this affair, had the misfortune to sprain his foot the day before and was unable to be present to enjoy the fruits of his hard work. He did a splendid job and all present sincerely missed him and Mrs. Mulligan.

The music was excellent and all enjoyed dancing into the small hours.

Before closing, I would like to express my own appreciation, and that of all the Brothers in L. U. #25, to the instructors, particularly, to Brothers "Ed" Klouda and "Jim" Neumeyer for the time and effort they have given so freely to help make the foremen's education program the success that it is.

HERBERT L'HOMMEDIU,
Chief Instructor, Foremen's School

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Work Must Continue Through D.C. Heat

L. U. 26, WASHINGTON, D. C.—The summer heat is finally upon us in Washington, and there seems to be no letup in this humid stifling weather. Cool drinks, cool baths and light clothing, do help somewhat, but the initial inertia is greatly lacking. This is no weather to be on "deck" or in an open field, but there are times when there is no way out of it. The work must go on. Summertime in Washington is something to behold. The place is full of visitors from all over the world, and the natives and local people go out of town for the weekend, to escape the heat. The nearby watering places along the Potomac, Chesapeake and a little further East, the Atlantic Ocean, are filled with residents of the Metropolitan area of Washington, all getting away so that the visitors can get around to view all the many attractions that Washington holds. This is the capital of the world, and in our free democracy, it is open to one and all.

I received cards during the past few weeks about the deaths of some of our older members. Brother George Ellersbrook had been retired for the past five or six years and had worked for some of the bigger contractors, Foley, Ernst, Alexander, etc., and had lived a quiet life since his retirement. Brother John Boteler was one of the original radio "hams" around Washington for a good many years and was well known in that particular field. He had many an attentive audience at

lunch time relating the tales of radio since the inception of the old crystal set to the modern day television receiver. Retired for the past few years, he still pottered around with short wave radio and it was his hobby till he passed away. John Boteler, his son Gordon and the undersigned worked together at the Shoreham Hotel at the time that Harry Truman was re-elected for the Presidency and he was a most enjoyable man with whom to work.

Seen in the papers lately was the item that the State of Louisiana had revoked the "Right-to-Work" law of that state. More power to its citizens! Now all that has to happen, is for a few more states to follow that action and do a job equally as well. All of us can help out in our own small way by sending in our dollars—and as many as can be spared—to COPE. This replaces the old LLPE and is the combined efforts of the AFL-CIO to let everyone know the truth about "Right-to-Work" Laws and how vicious they are, and other matters of importance to working people.

During these summer months, bowling has more or less come to a stand still, but the committee that is organizing the Bowling Teams for Local No. 26 is getting together every so often in order to have a bang up schedule for the 1956-1957 year. Having talked to Brother Kirchner recently, he says that the teams are fairly well proportioned and he expects a highly competitive group this winter.

Our genial Business Manager, Clem Preller, got into the news again lately by a public statement regarding the action of the Board of Trade, which is trying to have Congress lower the Workman's Compensation benefits and to quote Brother Preller "We serve notice, here and now, that Workmen's Compensation benefits will become a matter of collective bargaining." He continues with "The Board of Trade has succeeded in throwing a burning torch into the structure of labor-management relations in the District of Columbia, and up to this point, labor-management relations have been quite satisfactory".

That's all for this month, I'm off to the beach.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL, P.S.

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Party Held to Honor 25-Year Union Members

L. U. 31, DULUTH, MINN.—We had a very fine party honoring our members who have 25 years or more in the I. B. E. W.

This party was held in the Tally Ho Room of the Holland Hotel, May 26th, 1956, and was attended by about 65 members, their wives, and all officers and their wives.

International Representative John W. Johnson, representing the I. O., made the presentation of a 50-year pin and scroll to Stanley Talaska who joined I. B. E. W. Local 158 at Green Bay, Wisconsin on May 8th, 1906. He served in various offices of Local 255 of Ashland, Wisconsin, for many years until this local merged with Local 31. Our best wishes go with Stanley and may he be around to enjoy many more of these parties with us. We were very happy to have Mr. Johnson with us as he was our former business manager and he himself received a 30-year pin at this time.

It was the pleasure of this writer as chairman, to act as host and toastmaster and introduce William Gooder, our only other 50-year member, who presented a 45-year pin to Brother Charles Lyons who was initiated into Local 630 at Lethbridge Alberta, Canada and who has been a member of Local 31 for many years. Charles served in the office of president and later as business manager.

Forty year pins were presented to the following: Frank Berg, Alvin J. Peterson, Chester Margeneau, Martin Haglund, Charles O. Hauer and Walter Kaminski.

Thirty-five years pins were awarded to Louis Latremouille, Ernest Sharron and Herman Helsten. All were initiated into Local 255 of Ashland, Wisconsin.

Thirty year pins were awarded to Harry Viking, Earl Sawyer, Arnold Swenson, Edwin G. Erickson, Lawrence Forsen, John W. Johnson and Carl Ettinger.

Twenty-five year pins were awarded to Peter Unger, Dale Forte, William E. Dunphy, Floyd Robbins and Rudolph John.

We had a first, we believe, in the fact that William Dunphy who is now in Florida, was unable to attend, but his wife was here, attended this party and accepted the pin on behalf of her husband. Has any other local had this pleasure?

A wonderful time was had by all and these oldtimers enjoyed talking over old times.

FRANK T. MCCAULEY, Pres.

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Course for Next Year Charted by Local 43

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Long before this letter appears in print, the Negotiating Committee of Local 43 will have skillfully charted our course for the year ahead. So, there is no point to spending any time now in conjecture as to what that course—wagewise, will be. The past month has brought some change in our membership—one through death and the other through retirement.

The first marked the passing of Jules DeMong who, although con-

Mark Anniversaries



Members of Local 31, Duluth, Minn., who took part in the recent presentation of service pins. First row: Earl Sawyer, Frank McCauley; Floyd Robbins. Second row: Rudy John; Peter Unger; Carl Ettinger; Harry Viking; Ed. G. Erickson, and Lawrence Forsen.



Also at the Duluth festivities are, First row: Alvin Peterson; John W. Johnson; Stanley Talaska. Second row: William Gooder; Martin Haglund; Walter Kaminski, and Charles O. Lyons.

sidered one of the old timers by reason of his induction into Local 43 on December 7, 1912, belied that fact by his youthful appearance. Jules will be missed for his friendly manner as well as his skill as a wireman. The second change is due to the retirement of Bob Kavanaugh who like Jules, became a member of Local 43 in 1912. Bob will be remembered as a skilled wireman and excellent foreman as well as the further fact that he served for a time as business manager of Local 43. The season for clambakes is almost here and we are anticipating the annual affair for Local 43 to be served on August 11th. The committee on arrangements has always done an excellent job in the past and there is no reason to doubt that this year's will be any less satisfying than the previous ones. In fact, I have been assured that this year's will

surpass any that we have enjoyed in the past. Our picture this month is of a pretty fine crew that installed the electric equipment for an air conditioning installation in the C. E. Chapell's Department Store of Syracuse.

BILL NIGHT, P.S.

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Talks With Management Held in Seattle, Wash.

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—Twice this year good-sized meetings between top management, supervisors, shop stewards, and L. U. 77 business representatives have been held. The first with Seattle City Light at the Skagit project did more to inform local supervision of the meaning in contract interpretation than anything done in the past. The second with L. U. 77

Representative, J. O. Donley, in attendance was held May 12th in the Ridpath Hotel, Spokane, for the Washington Water Power Company. There were about one hundred in attendance and the business office considers it very successful. Many mutual problems were discussed and settled to everyone's satisfaction. A group luncheon, with the company as host, provided a break between morning and afternoon sessions.

Two cases have gone to arbitration with the West Coast Telephone Company. One is on holiday pay and the other seniority versus competency.

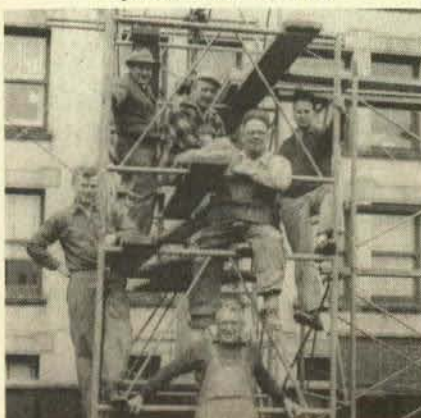
Recent negotiations have been held with the Inland Empire Telephone Company and settlement for 18 cents per hour was made, one additional holiday and elimination of the three-day waiting period for sick leave. All telephone contracts west of the Cascades now have this sick leave provision, excepting West Coast Telephone.

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company agreement includes a medical plan costing \$6.00, a three-cent across-the-board increase, and a retirement plan calling for 2 percent of the payroll with employees contributing 2 percent of a 40-hour week.

Pacific Power and Light at Sandpoint, Idaho was concluded with 20 cents for linemen, bringing the scale to \$2.82.

On May 21st, following a long period of foot dragging, stalling and

Syracuse Crew



On the C. E. Chappell air conditioning installation job in Syracuse, N. Y., are: Herbert (Red) Gallagher, Local 639, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Henry Royce, Local 567, Portland, Me.; Roscoe (Brownie) Brown, Local 1249, Syracuse, N. Y.; George Markell, Local 1249, Syracuse, N. Y.; Jim Kennedy, Local 43, Syracuse, N. Y.; (Front) Bill Night, Local 43, Syracuse.

other subterfuges for avoidance of signing an agreement, Local 77 members employed by KTVW-TV, Channel 13, voted to take concerted action against the station if an agreement was not reached by June 19th.

With the able assistance of Larry Doyle, Washington State Labor and Industry Conciliator and the full sup-

port of organized labor in the area, a new television agreement was signed on June 20th. Increases ranging from 10 cents per hour to \$1.08 per hour were incorporated in the agreement. Vacation improvements, sick leave accrual up to a maximum of 65 days and other benefits were gained. The contract will be in force for two years.

The business manager, Henry M. Conover, and several of the local union officers met with Governor Langlie and Mr. Ed Sorger, Director of Safety for the Department of Labor and Industry, in Olympia, Washington, with regard to the appalling rate of fatal and serious accidents which have occurred in the electrical industry this year. Governor Langlie is fully conversant with the problem and has promised his full cooperation, as well as the cooperation of the State Safety Department, in setting up a program which should cut down the number of fatal or near fatal accidents. Let us all earnestly hope so.

Further with regard to the history of Local Union 77, did you know Local 77's charter was lifted by the I.O. in 1925 and it was chartered December 29, 1925 as Local 944. At that time also, members of 77 who were in the telephone industry were chartered as Local 952.

That's about all for now. See you next month.

J. M. HAMMOND, P.S.

At Annual Completion Exercises



Members and guests of Local 80, Norfolk, Va., pose at the recent completion ceremonies there. Standing, left to right: J. W. Amory, president; B. G. Castles, business manager; F. J. Hart; E. M. Moore, financial secretary; International Representative J. Tobey Robinson; H. L. Ponell III; H. J. Tuck; W. O. White, assistant business manager; W. S. Curling, Jr.; A. D. Cahoon, Jr.; R. V. Knight; R. D. Glasser; E. H. Ives; H. L. Brown. Kneeling: W. C. Cottle, R. E. Alexander, J. C. Bradshaw, Jr.; C. T. Register. Apprentices H. M. Ange, E. S. Hogan, R. H. Hogan, Douglas A. Hudson, L. C. Derby, Jr., Thomas E. Frazier, E. J. Tuck and H. D. Wells were working out of town and did not attend the affair. This is probably the last picture taken of International Representative Tobey Robinson as he died a few days after this happy occasion.

At Texas State Law Institute



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers had the largest representation at the State Law Institute conducted in Austin, Texas, by the Texas State Federation of Labor. These are IBEW members from all points of Texas who attended the three-day Institute.

Officers Elected In Special Meeting

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—At a special meeting on the evening of June 19, the members elected the following officers for a two-year term: J. W. Amory, president (reelected); E. M. Key, vice president; H. A. Tarrall, recording secretary (reelected); E. M. Moore, financial secretary (reelected); J. G. Potts, treasurer (reelected); and B. G. Castles, business manager (reelected for his fourth consecutive term).

Members of the new Executive Board are W. K. Alexander, R. Van Olinda, Curtis L. Williams, Henry D. White, H. D. Casper and T. B. Milam.

Examining Board members are Frank Darden, L. A. White, G. D. Hickman, D. L. White and A. L. Hartley.

Trustees are B. G. Castles, H. A. Tarrall and Logan Thomas.

The accompanying pictures are of the 1956 class of graduating apprentices taken at the annual completion exercises of the Virginia State Apprenticeship Training Program held at Carl Parker's restaurant, South Norfolk, Virginia, Thursday, June 7, 1956.

Presiding was Robert F. Handley, regional director, Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor, Philadelphia. The invocation was given by Rev. Ernest L. Honts, pastor of Talbot Park Baptist Church, Norfolk. Music was provided by William Fulford, Maury High School.

Donald M. Parks, coordinator of Apprentice Training, Norfolk City



Two members of Local 116 in Fort Worth, Texas, meet with A. N. Lindstrom Jr., right, International Representative of the IBEW from the Seventh District. The three men attended the first annual Texas Law Institute in Austin, Texas, sponsored by the Texas State Federation of Labor. Left is W. H. Taylor Jr., member of Local 116 and president of the Fort Worth Trades Assembly, and center, J. M. "Slim" Beasley Jr., business agent of Local 116.

Schools, introduced the guests, while Hon. Edward L. Breeden, Jr., Virginia State Senator, introduced the speaker. The address was given by Lawrence M. Cox, executive director, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Certificates were presented by Robert H. Wilson, director of apprenticeship for the State of Virginia.

The members of Local 80 hereby extend their appreciation and thanks to these gentlemen for conducting the exercises which will long be remembered by our new journeymen. And to our new journeymen, congratulations! Welcome to the inner-sanctum.

The first pile of the new \$15 mil-

lion, 15 story, completely airconditioned Portsmouth, Virginia Naval Hospital was driven Thursday, June 21. The eighteenth, 300-foot tube section of the Hampton Roads bridge-tunnel project, out of a total of 23, is, at this writing, being submerged.

Is big steel stalling for another "pass-the-price-along-doubled" to Johnny Q. Public? They'll never be able to gouge their past exorbitant profits out of the Steel Workers whose "know how and brawn" actually produce this fictitiously precious metal doubly precious in this (prosperous?) era.

Early last week construction work-

Outstanding Fort Worth Members



Bobby Woodlock, center above, is one of the 19 electrical apprentices to receive diplomas in Fort Worth, Texas. He is shown with two members of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. On the left is Harry Wayne White, representing management, and on the right is Harry Huston, representing organized labor. The apprenticeship program in Fort Worth is sponsored jointly by Local 116 and the North Texas Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship. Huston is member of Executive Board of Local 116. At right above: J. M. "Slim" Beasley Jr., left, business agent of Local 116 in Fort Worth, Texas, joined other members of the union to honor H. P. Hoffman, right, who was presented a 50-year pin in the IBEW by Art Edwards, vice president of the IBEW from the seventh district.



W. H. Taylor Jr., member of Local 116 in Fort Worth, Texas, (standing at left), worked to the wee hours of morning recently to help with poll tax sales. AFL and CIO members who had volunteered their time as poll tax deputies set up tables in three hallways at the Tarrant County courthouse to write poll taxes and help relieve the strain on the regular workers in the county tax office. Immediately in front of Mr. Taylor, wearing the cowboy hat, is Mrs. Frances Heskitt, member of Teamsters' Local 47 in Fort Worth. Taylor is president of the Fort Worth Trades Assembly.



ers of the multi-million dollar project at Norfolk General Hospital stopped work. B. G. Castles, head of the Norfolk Building Trades Council, said he was advised the men acted individually in sympathy with a Laborers' union which had been enjoined by a court order from picketing the project. Doyle E. Russell, the general contractor claims they were asked to make the job 100 percent union by hiring all laborers through Local 307, Common Laborers' Union, but declined, contending it was a violation of the Virginia "Right-to-Work" law. At this time the job is still unmanned.

In these hectic indecisive days of "bird dogs," "phoney," "streamline cut of our military forces," and "balancing the budget" it seems that Charley Wilson could get a few honest-to-goodness, old-fashioned great American patriots. "God grants liberty only to those who live it and are always ready to guard and defend it." Daniel Webster.

J. V. HOCKMAN, P.S.

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Fresno Spring Work Slow in Starting

L. U. 100, FRESNO, CALIF.—As this was written the first days of July are only a few days off. We've just had a few blistering days of "The Good Old Summer Time," and some of the brothers are asking "What's good about them?"

Bob Bruce, our business manager, reports "The work on the mountain jobs is very slow. Our linemen are having a rough time paying their light and gas bills while the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is doing our line work at cheap wages. The city imported some so-called experts to tell them what the wages should be for city employees. The charter says Prevailing Wages, so it looks like a case for the courts to decide."

Local spring work has been slow in starting. A great deal that did start

was in residential tracts. The thing that is saving our necks is that many of the boys are working out of town in other jurisdictions. It's difficult for the contractors too.

Brothers Lloyd Myers, and Jay Hewlitt attended the Central Valleys Joint Executive Board conference held in San Francisco. They were guests for the day of Local 1245. Our Central Valley is not booming like the coast towns are. They emphasized that we must prepare more men for the coming work in Electronics Controls.

Interests in the state of Washington are trying to get a so-called "Right-to-Work" act on the ballot up there. The corporations are really spending the money on this. But our union members are doing a good job of fighting it.

Brother Neal Corrigan is back in the local Veteran's Hospital. Brother Chas Brisendine was working on a scaffold mounted on a truck. The scaffold tipped over with him. He has a broken leg. He will be in St. Agnes Hospital for six weeks, the doctors say.

Brother Al Woods is back in the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Miley, San Francisco. Brother Woods has fought the cancer on his back for about six years now. He seems to have been literally sustained by the prayers of his friends. We hope he gets well.

With the absence of bigger work some of the boys are becoming "Bungalows Hounds." We even growl and bark while doing it.

R. P. (Flash) GORDON, P.S.

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Labor Union Sponsors A Boy Scout Troop

L. U. 124, KANSAS CITY, MO.—This local is quite proud of the progress being shown by the troop of Boy Scouts it sponsors over on the crowded West Side. Some two years ago a Scout executive saw the need for citizenship training in that neighborhood and brought it to the attention of Local 124. The response was immediate and substantial. The vote was unanimous to name an Executive Committee and furnish them funds. Times and thinking have changed.

When the Scout movement was started by General Baden-Powell in 1908, in England, and spread to this country in 1910, union labor viewed it with cold suspicion. Any organization that wore a uniform smacked of the military and laboring men did not like it. And with good reason. Fresh in their minds was the massacre of union coal miners in Colorado by the State Constabulary; shooting down in cold blood of strikers by the Coal and Iron Police in Pennsylvania; the calling out of the State Militia in every major strike. Strikes are settled around a table now, and the Boy Scout organi-

zation has proved to be one of the most beneficial movements of our time.

So a labor union becomes sponsor to a Boy Scout troop. Homer Hutchison was appointed chairman of the committee of 14. A trained and very able scoutmaster was found in our own ranks in the person of Kenneth Roby who is assisted by Kenneth Brownlee and Jack Liziar. A visitor at the weekly troop meeting is impressed by the eagerness of these boys to absorb the training program and submit to discipline. He is also pleased and a little surprised at the enthusiasm displayed by so many members of the Troop Committee who not only take an active part in the meetings but devote many hours to the outside activities and personal welfare of the boys.

The Building Committee has provided a recreational center which was opened on Decoration Day for members of L. U. 124 and their immediate families at 103rd and Oak Streets. There is a large picnic area with ovens, tables and all the facilities for family outings. There is a splashing pool, swings, slides, teeter-totter, giant stride, jungle gym, merry-go-round, and a sand pile for the children. The Center is a permanent institution and will be open each year from April 1st to October 15.

We congratulate the committee and the local for having instituted this recreational center which should go far in restoring the old fraternal ties of the more rugged days.

MARSHALL LEAVITT, P.S.

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Safety of Great Value to Workmen

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—We

all strive to make life a little more enjoyable for ourselves and for those we hold dear. What better contribution could be made to this goal than the practice of "Safety". The value of this practice is difficult to evaluate but the elimination of injury to workmen certainly results in greater happiness to him and to his family and a saving in dollars to his employer.

National recognition of this practice was accorded at a dinner meeting last month at The Dalles, Oregon when employees of the Pacific Power and Light Company, The Dalles District, were honored for establishing a safety record of working 375,280 man-hours without a lost time accident.

Presented at the meeting was an award from the National Safety Council to The Dalles district employees whose record of safe working goes back to January 24, 1952. Accepting the award for the local employees from Mr. D. R. Leonard, assistant general manager for the P.P.L.Co., was Mr. Ken Laing, chairman of the Safety Committee.

Mr. Paul B. McKee, company president, was unable to attend due to other commitments, but sent a message to the group expressing "the hope that your example will inspire your fellow workers in other districts and departments to work as safely as you have demonstrated that conscientious and competent craftsmen can work."

Mr. Fred Mauser, the county judge, made a most interesting remark when he stated "This record is equivalent of four men working all their productive lives without a disabling accident, truly a remarkable accomplishment."

Mr. Fans J. Hughes, P.P.L. safety director, stated in his summary remarks that The Dalles district has built up the largest number of ac-

Cited for Safety Record



An outstanding safety record was given recognition recently when workers on The Dalles Dam, members of Local 125, Portland, Ore., were cited for over 375,000 man-hours without a lost time accident. From left are: Claud Omeg; W. L. Vinson; Joe Herman; Ed Smith, and Cliff Christenson.

Making Golden Anniversaries



Chicago Local 134 recently staged a banquet and presentation ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of IBEW membership by twenty-three of their number. Seen on that occasion are, bottom row, left to right: A. M. Startzman; H. C. Reynolds; H. A. Nelson; George Casson; R. V. Crombie; J. G. Donlin; Fred Krimmel. Middle row: Jos. Lathan; C. Talbot; M. G. Lenehan; Stanley Johnson; Roy Cummins; M. J. Boyle; P. F. Sullivan; Albert Wold; D. D. Dunbar; Charles Roe. Top row: Thos. J. Murray; Leo Meany; F. J. Baumeister; F. L. Bludeau; C. P. Sorenson; Chas. Gall; Chas. Schubert; John Rea; P. A. Griffin, and Jas. S. Quinlan.



Here are the honored fifty-year members and the local's officers at the pleasant banquet in the veterans' honor.

cident-free manhours of any district in Pacific Power's five-state system.

During the period of this enviable record The Dalles line crews have done two extra hazardous jobs, one of which received national attention, Mr. Hughes pointed out.

One of these jobs was the energization of a 69 KV. transmission line by-passing a new school. This hot line work was completed in 10 hours and has been rated one of the most difficult hot line jobs in the history of the P.P.L. Co. Details of the work were reported in national electric industry magazines. Other hazardous work was performed in supplying power to The Dalles dam contractors.

Out-of-town guests for the award dinner included Mr. G. Scott Kallen-

baugh, director of safety, Oregon Industrial Accident Commission; W. L. Vinson and Ed. Smith of L. U. 125 I.B.E.W., and Mr. J. Coleman Jones, general superintendent, and Mr. George Nostrant, assistant general superintendent of the P.P.L. Co.

We salute the following employees of the P.P.L. and members of L. U. 125 who were honored at the dinner: James E. Carlson, Clifford H. Christensen, Richard R. Euston, Charles E. Filbin, Arbry M. Gosson, Paul J. Harris, Joseph C. Herman, Joseph J. Janik, John H. Kelly, Raymond E. Kelso, Kenneth T. Laing, Robert H. Love, Eugene L. Maidment, Edwin H. Medaris, Emory D. Meyers, Jesse McDonald, George K. Ober, Claude O. Omeg, Donald Lee Petersen, James L.

Russic, Frank T. Scholtes, William L. Scholtes, William G. Scotton, Ronald L. Silvers, Malcolm H. Taylor, Lloyd H. Terry, Arthur M. Thrasher and Lester L. Turner.

In the accompanying photograph the three employees Claude Omeg, Joe Herman and Cliff Christenson, are mighty proud to be members of the honored group and the two union officials, W. L. Vinson and Ed. Smith are mighty proud of the local members.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P. S.

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50-Year Union Members Honored in Chicago

L. U. 134, CHICAGO, ILL.—On

50-Year Presentations Made



At the ceremonies of Local 134, Chicago, honoring their 50-year members, Business Representative James S. Quinlan, left, acted as master of ceremonies. In center, Business Manager M. J. Boyle made the presentation to Philo A. Griffin, while Executive Board Member Edward Scott looks on and at right, the pin and scroll are given to Brother Leo Meany.

Thursday evening, June 7, 1956, Local Union No. 134 paid tribute to 23 fifty-year members. Of the 23 eligible, only three were unable to attend, and so the Local Union officers were hosts to 20 pioneers at cocktails and dinner at the Bismarck Hotel. Here old friends had an opportunity to visit and recall "the good old days" and reminisce over many incidents that are dear to their hearts.

After dinner, the entire party went to Boyle Auditorium to attend the regular monthly membership meeting, after which an exceptionally interesting speaking and entertainment program took place.

The speakers of the evening were Mr. Patrick F. Sullivan, president



International Secretary Keenan, left, and Business Manager M. J. Boyle, right, extend their congratulations to Golden Anniversarian John Rea.

Chicago and Cook County Building Trades Council, who several years ago had 50 year honors bestowed upon

him; Mr. Stanley Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Federation of Labor; Mr. Jack Collins, secretary, Electrical Contractors Association of Chicago, Honorable Daniel Ryan, President Cook County Board of Commissioners, and Local Union No. 134's own Joseph D. Keenan, International Secretary. Regrettably, International President Freeman could not be with us.

Interspersed with the speakers of the evening were numerous appropriate selections by a male quartet and a girl vocalist, accompanied by the electric organ.

At the conclusion of the speaking and entertainment program, the members who have achieved the enviable

Honor Rock Island Member



When James Lyon of Local 145, Rock Island, Ill., received his 50-year membership pin, both local and International officers were on hand to do him honor. Seated, left to right: Warren Duffin, President, Local 145; Ernest Bale, Executive Board member; E. A. Schweiss, Executive Board member. Standing: left to right J. E. Thompson, International representative, 6th District; James Lyon, recipient of 50-year pin; Carl Riecke, Assistant Business Manager, Local 145; Nate Holmes, Recording Secretary, Local 145; J. E. Wood, Business Manager Local 145; C. D. Case, Executive Board member, and Frank C. Ege, Assistant Business Manager, Local 145.

Graduation in Cincinnati



New electrical journeymen and their training committeemen of Local 212, Cincinnati, Ohio. Left to right seated: Local 212 officers and committeemen Ray Hauck, William C. Mittendorf, Dan H. Johnson, George Hackett, "Bill" Damon, Ed Fleckenstein, Lester Bertke, Roy Wellman. First row, standing: Apprentice Grads Robert J. Hathman, Chris Weisenborn, James R. Rosenacker, Ray Ober, Don Weikel, Walter L. Ruehl, William R. Fey. Top row: Apprentice Grads Robert E. Teel, William T. Mastin, Henry Bedson, Edmund Trumble, William Rothert, Robert J. Curran, Walter L. Hirth and Robert F. Long. John Decker, Paul Gangloff, Fred Minning and Joe Ober, Jr. also graduated but were not present when the photo was taken.



On behalf of Norbert Kenkel now in military service, the apprentice graduate's certificate was received by his father, Edward R. Kenkel, a member of Local 212, for 33 years. In the photo are left to right; George Hackett; "Bill" Damon; Ray Hauck, secretary of the Cincinnati Joint Committee; Edward R. Kenkel, and Dan H. Johnson.

goal of their Golden Anniversary in the I.B.E.W., were presented with scrolls by Business Manager Michael J. Boyle and diamond studded pins by Rockwell Anderson, substituting for President Charles M. Paulsen, who unfortunately was ill and unable to attend (we are happy to report he is feeling much better and is back in circulation). Local Union No. 134 now proudly adds 23 more names to its list, making a total of 141 members who have attained 50 years or more of continuous good standing.

James S. Quinlan, business representative, who did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies recalled interesting incidents that occurred on the job and in the private lives of each "old timer" as he was called to the rostrum to receive his honors . . . this needless to say, delighted the participants and greatly pleased the audience.

Representatives and officers of many neighboring local unions were in attendance, also many business and civic leaders, including Director of

Labor of the State of Illinois, Roy F. Cummins, who is a member of our Local Union.

THOMAS MURRAY, B. R.

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I.B.E.W. 50-Year Pin Awarded in Ill.

L. U. 145, ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Brother James Lyon of Rock Island, Illinois was awarded his I.B.E.W. 50-year pin at the regular meeting of Local Union 145 of Rock Island on the night of May 4th, 1956.

J. E. Thompson, International Representative for the I.B.E.W. of this area, presented Brother Lyon with his pin after a short congratulatory speech. After another speech of congratulations from our business manager, Brother J. E. Wood, and another round of applause, Jimmy was presented with a gift on behalf of the officers and members of this local. Brother Wood commended Jimmy for his loyalty to the I.B.E.W. and for his spirit and fine workmanship as a wireman in this local.

James Lyon was initiated on January 24, 1906, in Washington, D. C. He worked for the Bell Telephone Company at that time. Between 1906 and 1910 Jimmy traveled throughout the United States working out of many local offices. His experiences in the Brotherhood would fill a good-

sized book. When he came to the Rock Island area he worked for the local power company from 1910 to 1918. He then transferred his card to Local Union 485 and became an inside wireman. Local 485 was the forerunner of our Local 145. James Lyon's name is on our charter as a charter member.

Things weren't always easy for Jimmy. In 1932 when the going was rough all over he picked berries in the hot sun to get enough money to keep up his dues and good standing.

In 1920 he was president of this local. He has held the offices of vice president, recording secretary and has served on the Executive Board and various committees since. Recently he assisted Brother Rex Sylvester, who has charge of our apprenticeship training, by teaching the apprentices the art of cableslicing.

Even though James Lyon is on the "retired list" (just fishing for bass) he attends meetings regularly. Whenever someone in this local is sick or hurt at home or in the hospital, he usually finds time to visit the patient and spread a little cheer. He is well liked and highly regarded by the men of this local.

Brother Lyon, we congratulate you!

ROBERT L. QUICK, P. S.

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June News Comes From Decatur, Ill.

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—The month of June has almost slipped past and we have postponed getting started on an article, as usual. We will attempt in our feeble way to bring the news to you, as we see it.

One of our most promising young electricians, John W. Carter, lost his life in a head-on car and truck crash last May 28th on his way home to Decatur from Peoria, where he was working. We will all miss John, with his inevitable smile and pleasant word for everyone. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

The members voted at the last regular meeting to donate 25 dollars to the Trinity Memorial Church for a memorial to John, who was also a good church member. The members also voted to drape the local's charter for 30 days in memory of John.

Also, at the last regular meeting the members voted to grant the request of Daniel Elwood for a withdrawal card. At the same meeting it was voted to request all card-carrying contractors to deposit their cards in the International Office. Just to remove temptation, you understand, not that we don't trust them!

Incidentally, negotiations are underway on our contract renewal. So far progress has been slow but activity will probably pick up as the re-

newal date approaches. We are hoping that an amicable agreement will be reached soon, with no losses in time, money or contracts, to either of the interested parties.

Helen Primm, daughter of our treasurer, N. O. Primm, was married on Sunday afternoon, June 10th in the First Presbyterian Church. She was married to Richard Gene Johnson in the presence of many relatives and friends, and a reception was held afterward in the church dining room.

Howard Pruitt, who has been our city electrical inspector for the past nine months, has decided to go into the electrical contracting business, specializing in house wiring. Howard has done a conscientious inspecting job as electrical inspector and although we hate to lose him in that capacity, we wish him success in his new venture. Martin "Bill" Barr has been appointed to succeed Howard, and we are sure he can also do a capable job in the position he now holds.

Our business manager, A. C. Kohli, reported at the last meeting that Brother Harry Ritter cracked several ribs in a fall on the job while working in Peoria.

We understand that two Local 146 men are still working on the big Proctor and Gamble plant in Chicago. "Bud" Swan and Sam Decker are the two men still "commuting" each weekend. Several Local 146 members are still working at Dana, Indiana and commuting daily!

Well, gang, this about wraps it up for the present writing. Let's have your snapshots of that vacation trip for next issue. Also, drop a line about the big one that got away! Your old left-hander.

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

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Annual Graduation of Apprentices Takes Place

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—Saturday night, June 19th the annual graduation of apprentices took place at the Sheraton Gibson Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was a gala occasion for guests and graduates alike. There were some very good speeches, all seeming to stress the same point—not to let your education end with graduation.

With the electrical industry moving so rapidly we can never let our education end. "Bill" Damon, director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee advised all journeymen as well as graduates, to keep abreast with their growing trade. Brother Bill Mittendorf, president of Local Union 212 stressed the point that graduation has a twofold aspect. On one hand, assuring them of earning an income substantially above the average income, and on the other hand, making them fullfledged

journeyman members of L. U. 212 and as such, carrying the new and greater responsibility of a labor union stressing good public relations. Brother Mittendorf emphasized the importance of this consideration when he said the public was a silent but conclusive participant in all union-management contracts.

DON STRICKER, P. S.

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Officers Chosen In Sioux City, Ia.

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Top-most news this time is election of officers, with the following guiding Local 231, Sioux City, Iowa, for the next two years: Reelected were T. J. (Tim) Murray, president; Bill Hosack, recording secretary; Ray Davis, treasurer; Tom Dugan, business manager and financial secretary. Brother Chas. Swanson was elected to the vice presidency.

On the Executive Board will be Brothers Ralph Heisler, Emil Hooker, Don Hunter, Robert Kessler, Hugo Loetz and Arthur Rysta.

For Examining Board, Brothers Roy Authier, Royale Clausen and Ray Linquist were chosen.

The nominating Committee consisted of Brothers Ed Wiltgen, chairman; John Linsley, Bob Burke, Bill Ferguson and Hugo Loetz.

The State Building Trades Council is meeting soon, in Des Moines, in special session, with Brother Tom Dugan representing L. U. 231 and immediately following that meeting, the Merger Committee of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. will meet on the state level, with President Tim Murray representing L. U. 231. Reports of these meetings will be forthcoming in the next letter.

Election time is coming. Do your part to help get out the vote. Organized labor will really count if we all do our part.

FRED HADLEY, P. S.

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Contract Changes Are Negotiated in Toledo

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—At a special meeting held June 9th Local 245, Toledo, Ohio voted to accept contract changes negotiated by our committee with the Toledo Edison Company. The results of the voting was 372 against 93 for acceptance which along with comments by the members indicated that the committee had done a fine job.

To list some of the changes we start with a wage increase ranging from 10 to 16 cents per hour, increased shift differential to 7 and 10 cents per hour, two weeks vacation after two years service, 2½ times regular pay rate for holiday work

during regular working hours, reduction of Saturday work to put most of the maintenance crews on a Monday-to-Friday work week, plus changes in sick leave and call out time. These amount to an average of 13.6 cents per hour or 6.14%. Several changes in working rules were also made, the most important of which was re-writing the seniority rules which cover reduction in working forces. Repeating the members of our committee, they are President Stephen LaPorte, Business Manager Vincent Wise, Assistant Business Manager George Thomas, Brothers Howard Delker, Carl Yenrick, Glen Reese, and Ival Carter. We have been asked by the committee to especially acknowledge the fine assistance given the committee by International Representative Frank Adams who worked with them for 19 of the 28 days spent in meetings with the company. They have stated that Brother Adam's advice and assistance was invaluable and to particularly note the fine work, and the long hours at evenings he spent on rewriting the seniority clauses. To him a vote of thanks from all.

This writer has been remiss and now wishes to report that several months back Brother Robert Hildebrandt was appointed recording secretary to fill the remainder of the term of the previous secretary, Carl Standriff, who resigned when accepting a job in management. Brother Hildebrandt has been a member for 10 years and is a high pressure boiler

operator. He has previously worked for power companies in New York State. Congratulations!

On June 23-24 President Laporte, Business Manager Wise, and Assistant Business Manager Thomas attended a meeting of the Ohio State Utility Board in Lancaster, Ohio. They reported an interesting meeting at which were discussed many matters of interest to utility locals in Ohio.

Recent deaths in the local were Brothers Ortiz Beaverson and Edwin Tebbe who were members 3 and 16 years respectively. May they rest in peace.

PAUL SCHIEVER, P.S.

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Apprentices Graduate In Akron, Ohio

L. U. 306, AKRON, OHIO—Another year has rolled along for our apprentices with nine of them graduating. This year they had a big time at the Fairlawn Country Club where they received their diplomas from Brother H.B. Blankenship, International Vice President, assisted by International Representative Kim Parker and the president of our local, Joe Swigart. We have a good picture of the class sitting down at the speakers table and the three top men standing behind him. We had several notables representing the contractors, the instructors and various groups connected with such a big project. They are

too many to mention but I would like to give special recognition to our own local union men for their work throughout the year—Brothers, Jim Tomlinson, J. E. Poole, Donald W. Fraley and Ed McDowell.

I think everybody at the affair there enjoyed the feed and the interesting talks. Business Manager, Sam Oaks, has come up with a Newsletter each month which is a condensed version of the happenings of the local, reports of sick brothers, reminders of happy birthdays, etc. There is quite a lot of work involved in the planning and printing of such a letter which goes to every member of our local and I wish to add my congratulations on a job well done, Sam. Keep them coming. Will close for now with lots of luck to all our Brothers.

AL (SCOTTY) BOYD, P.S.

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Work is Good in East St. Louis, Ill.

L. U. 309, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Greeting again from East St. Louis. Several months have elapsed since my last communication and I am sincerely sorry for the delay.

First, work is good at the present time in the jurisdiction, and several out-of-town Brothers are currently employed.

Some long-awaited work in the large industrial category is rumored ready to break. Our local is fortunate in having a large number of plants

Akron, Ohio, Graduates



Nine apprentice members of Local 306, Akron, Ohio, receive journeyman status this year. Here are, standing left to right: Brother H. B. Blankenship, International vice president, 4th District; Brother Kim Parker, International representative; Brother Joe Swigart, president, Local 306. Graduating apprentices, seated left to right: Robert E. Trettel; Duane Ganyard; George Csanyi; Robert Renner; Lawrence Bryner; Earl Stanley, and John Montavon. Brother James Ess and Brother James Everett were not present.

and factories situated nearby. These have furnished quite a bit of employment for our members through the years.

Local 309 sent its two bowling teams to the tournament at Toledo and everyone, myself included, feels that the boys who planned the event deserve a pat on the back.

The ladies in our group were especially pleased with the entertainment planned for them during the time that the fellows were bowling.

Enclosed are some pictures taken during our stay in Toledo.

At this writing elections are coming soon for Local 309 and some interesting contests are anticipated. Roy Camerer, business manager for several years, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

We have an apprentice banquet scheduled soon and I'm sure that everyone concerned will attend. Many dignitaries connected with the local electrical industry have been invited. It will be a fine opportunity to exhibit our apprentice training system.

That's all for this time.

GENE A. YORK,
Corresponding Secretary

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Florida Local in Midst of Elections

L. U. 323—WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—We, like many locals, are in the process of electing officers for the coming two years and we are proud to say that our elaborate apprentice program has trained many of the younger members for leadership along with craftsmanship. I don't see Local 323 running out of officer material for sometime to come.

We can proudly say that this program, though very effective, is not too heavy with mechanics. We have impressed upon the minds of our apprentices that there are many other things that build the life of man such as: being a good citizen in our community and our union. Safety on the job is very important too. We have shown them that even though a journeyman wireman obtains a perfect mechanical education, if he is careless or indifferent on the job, he may be a detriment to his employer because he loses his profit-making power.

We are proud to announce five of the young brothers who graduated this year and two of those are nominated for the Examining Board of the local. So you see they have gained the respect of the Brothers as well as an excellent education. They are: Brothers Chris Farrell, Ernest Howard, Charles Harris, Jr., R. H. Palmer and Kenneth Wills. Farrell and Wills are nominated to the Examining Board.

Many prominent Florida men took a great interest in our apprentice program. They were: L. A. Dasher, State

Bowl in Toledo Tourney



Local 309's bowling teams ready to bowl. Left to right, rear row: Herschel Reeves; Local 309 President Frank Sims, Jr.; Howard Wegener; Team Captain Vernon Barbee; Richard Byrnes; Roy Mullin; Ed Phillips, and Team Captain Bud Beaton. Rear row: Gene York, your correspondent; Bill Wolters, Sr., Wally Wegener, and Buck Barricklow. Tom Hennessey and Gene Verbeck were not present when this picture was taken.



At left are the bowling team members and their wives, enjoying the banquet on Saturday evening. Local 309's President Sims lent moral support during the tournament. Here at right he is shown with Gene Verbeck.



Supervisor of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Dept of Labor; Howell Watkins, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Sidney Bingham, Florida Industrial Commission; Kenneth Johnson, Vocational Director; and Karl Benke, Area Representative, State Department of Apprenticeship. Also at graduation were Charles Jewell, President of Central Labor Union and Reuben Reed, President of Building Trades Council.

I mention these state and local men to show the coordination we have in our apprentice program. We are indeed proud of the expert products turned out year after year.

Our esteemed president, T. J. Reese, who has been in the chair for the past six years, declined the nomination for that office next term. He explained in a well-prepared speech that the local

needed many experienced men to operate its business, and knowledge is collected by working as one of its officers—Long live such Brotherhood!

Work in this locality is holding up especially well. All local members are busy and a few visiting brothers are helping us at this time.

We'll be sending you the results of our election next month, until then remember this old saying:

"The heart of a fool is in his mouth but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart."

ELDON HEWITT, P.S.

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Officers Elected In Athens, Ohio

L. U. 337, ATHENS, OHIO—Local Union 337, Athens, Ohio held an elec-

tion June 22, and elected the following officers: Charles Hall, president; Norman McCain, vice president; Clarence Fuller, financial secretary; Roger Wolf, recording secretary; John Wyatt, business manager; Joe Puz, Nathan Wise, Dave Stephenson, Joe Connolly and Edsel Wise were elected to the Executive Board. Harry Love, Earl Buchanan, and George McAfee are on the Examining Board.

Press Secretary

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Election Results Of L. U. 349 Told

L. U. 349, MIAMI, FLA.—I know it will be of interest to many of our out-of-town members to know the results of our election last Saturday, in which five voting machines were used. Those elected were: Fred Henning, president; Harry Darby, vice president; Jack L. Hanson, recording secretary; George D. Bowes, financial secretary; Gittis Riles, treasurer; W. C. Johnson, business agent. Elected to the Executive Board were J. McRae, Ben Marks, R. C. Tindell and Vernon L. Corbitt. Elected to the Examining Board: Urban J. Albury, Fred C. Schollmeyer and Tim L. Watkins.

I am late as usual, but feel many of our members away at this time will like to know the results of our election.

Will close with the same old stuff.

Keep your chin up and your eyes on the South and don't under any circumstances segregate electricians—FIAT LUX.

R. C. TINDELL, P.S.

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Rockford L.U. 364 Loses Brother Ward

L. U. 364, ROCKFORD, ILL.—It is with heavy heart that I send this news item, for one of our dearly beloved brothers has answered the call to come to his Maker. On Thursday, May 10th, Lloyd S. Ward was found dead in bed by members of the local Police Department, for whom he was employed. He had worked as a radio engineer for the Rockford Police and Fire Departments for 22 years. Since he took care of all maintenance in both departments, when he did not report for work, a squad car was sent to his home where he was found, a victim of a heart attack.

Brother Ward lived in Rockford all his life, graduating from Rockford High School and the Rockford School of Engineering. He was a veteran of World War I, having served with the Navy in the North Atlantic Fleet. He was always interested in radio and when police radio came into its own in 1933, he went to work for the Police Department. It was about this

time that he became a member of the IBEW. He was a strong believer in the union cause. He became secretary of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Local 364 and has served as an instructor in the electrical classes of our union since 1947.

Brother Ward never missed a meeting of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. All that he had to do was to attend one more meeting and he would have attended 100. (We believe that this is a national record in the IBEW.) The local had planned a party for the occasion, but the plans had to be cancelled. Lloyd was looking forward to his 100th session as was the rest of the committee. As one member said, "Alas, he won't be at the meeting but you may be sure that there will be sorrow in the hearts of those who are there and many glowing words will be spoken of him."

I interviewed many of his ex-students and the feeling toward Lloyd was the same—"He was considerate of the feelings of an apprentice and repeatedly went out of his way to help a student." One journeyman said, "His phone was always busy helping out some Brother with a technical problem."

One of the contractors said, "The members of the Contractors Association will miss this man who was both a companion and a craftsman."

Many of his ex-students are today good journeymen because of his knowledge of the electrical industry and because of his character.

All that we can say is, so long Brother Ward, you will be missed.

JOHN W. CAIN, P.S.

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Member Dies Of Heart Attack

L. U. 367, ROANOKE, VA.—Brother J. Tobey Robinson, International Representative of District 4, died on the morning of June 12, 1956, in Keyser, West Virginia. He apparently died of a heart attack after undergoing an emergency stomach operation. He was 37 years old.

Tobey was business manager for Local 637 from March 1949, until May of this year, when he was made International Representative. He was most active in labor circles in Roanoke and throughout the State. He was president of the Roanoke Central Labor Union; vice president, Building Trades Council. This month he had completed two years on the Executive Board of the Virginia State Federation of Labor. He was a member of the Roanoke Area of Electricians Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

Mr. Robinson was buried Friday 15th. The Electrical Workers attended in a body. The contractors were well represented. The International Office was represented by International Vice

President H. B. Blankenship; Paul Menger and Kim Parker, International Representatives of the 4th District; business managers from the state and neighboring states; President Boyd and Secretary-Treasurer Wellshead of the State Federation. The front of the church was filled with flowers; a token of the high esteem in which Brother Tobey was held.

At the cemetery the Masons performed the last rites. Tobey will be missed by our local. The charter will be draped for 3 days in his memory. We of Local 637 extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Robinson and his daughter Cathy and to his brother Harvey (a member of our local), and to the rest of his family.

Recently the first "Life Saving Crew" of the country moved into a new home. The brothers in the picture taken at the time, and several who were not present at time of picture taking, gave their labor to wire this fine building. Mr. Julian Wise is the "Father of the First Life Saving Crew" idea. His story is carried in the April issue of *Reader's Digest*, under the heading of "The Rescue Squads Roll On."

On February 29, 1956, Brother L. A. Frith retired on pension. May you, Brother Frith, spend many pleasant years doing the things you planned to do when retired. Enjoy your hobby!

R. W. (Russ) Hendricks died June 20, in Cumberland, Md., as the result of burns received in an explosion on Monday morning, June 18, as the men were reporting for work.

Carl Bird is in Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Md., suffering from burns received in the same explosion.

Members, please send correct mailing address to your Local.

S. M. TEMPLETON, P.S.

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Union Planning To Sponsor School Program

L. U. 382, COLUMBIA, S.C.—Due to the growing demand for highly skilled mechanics in the field of electronics, Local 382 has cited the need for more advanced training for its members. Plans are now underway for the local union to sponsor a school in electronics and later a course in cable splicing. We hope to have more information to publish as to dates, etc., in the near future.

Work in the jurisdiction has been rather slow recently and prospects in the future still look good. The powerhouse job is not expected to take any men before September.

Brother Mike Gleaton has been reported to be improved somewhat after very serious injuries received in an automobile accident near Columbia. Brother "Mac" Pettigrew is said to be doing nicely while recovering at the South Carolina State Sanatorium.

Brother Witt S. Fore has recently retired and plans to go to the Veterans Hospital in Columbia for an operation before long. Our best wishes and a speedy recovery to these Brothers.

Our present contract expires June first and negotiations are underway for a wage increase.

THOMAS E. PLATE, P.S.

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Local 390 Will Erect \$85,000 Union Hall

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS.

—Local 390 will erect an \$85,000 brick and steel union hall at 6245 16th street. G. I. Thompson, business manager of the local, and chairman of the Building Committee, said that preliminary plans have been approved by local membership and the International Office. Actual construction will probably start within a month, and construction time will be about six months. Included in the preliminary plans are an assembly room to seat 450, a conference room for Executive Board meetings, offices, lobby, records room, kitchen, lounges and rest rooms. The entire building will be air conditioned. On the Building Committee with Thompson are O. J. Miller, president; R. H. Neihouse, John Gabriel, R. H. Woods and E. E. Lockhart.

A new one-year contract was signed with the Jefferson Chemical Company. Several improvements in working conditions and other benefits were inserted in the new contract. No wages were involved as the members had received a raise in salary earlier in the year in line with a pattern set by the oil and chemical industry. Representing the union were J. A. Roberts, L. C. Chatelain and Assistant Business Manager George Hogan.

The Contract Committee headed by Business Manager Thompson and Joe Case were able to sign a new contract with the N.E.C.A. calling for a 12½ cent per hour increase. This will affect all shops and construction workers, and linemen.

ARTHUR A. DERROUGH, P.S.

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Take Courses on Labor And Industrial Life

L. U. 399, CHICAGO, ILL.—The 20 officers of L. U. 399 have been attending special courses in "Labor and Industrial Relations" for the past 15 months. These courses have been so beneficial to our local that we thought it might be well to itemize some of the things that we have studied so that other locals who desired might get some idea as to what is available to them at their colleges and universities. These courses have been given by professors of the Institute of

Labor and Industrial Relations of the University of Illinois. The agenda of our first session, March 25-26, 1955, was as follows:

9:30- Registration and Room Assignment
10:00

10:00 Introduction to the Conference

John Belt, Business Manager of L. U. 399 and Phil Garman, coordinator of extension of the Institute

10:15 Analysis of the job of the steward

a. Chief Stewards
b. Stewards

Bernard Karsh, Professor at the Institute

12:00 Lunch

1:45 Human Relations Factors in the Steward's Job

a. Principles

Ross Stagner, Professor of Psychology

b. Case Examples (role playing)

Phil Garman

4:15 Film Showing—"Dues and the Union"

4:40 Stroll through the Park

5:45 Dinner

7:00 Executive Board Meeting

Saturday (second day of the seminar)

9:00 Grievance Handling Problems
a. Case Examples (role playing)

Professor Garman

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Film Showing — "The Shop Steward"

Professor Sigurd Moody

1:30 The Chief Steward as a "Teacher;" Running steward and union meetings; and conference summary

Professor Wann of the Institute

3:00 Conference Evaluation (it was the unanimous decision of the group that we should have many more such sessions)

3:15 Where Do We Go From Here? John Belt, business manager

3:30 Adjournment

During this session we planned the next seminar which was held June 1-2, 1955 at the same place.

9:30- We again had registration, etc.

10:00 and Introduction to the conference by Professor Garman and Business Manager Belt.

10:15 Principles of Human Relations Hjalmar Rosen, Professor of Psychology

11:30 Film Showing — "Union at Work"

12:15 Lunch

1:30 Principles of Effective Communication

Professor Gulley of the Speech Department

3:15 Duties of the Conference Leader—demonstration session Professors Gulley, Karsh and Wann

7:00 Executive Board meeting

9:00 Demonstration of Three Talks to Explain Unit Meetings—What To Do and How To Do It; Mock Conference and Buzz sessions

11:00 Duties of the Parliamentary Chairman

Professor Gulley

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Duties of the Parliamentary Chairman (cont'd)

Mock unit meetings

2:30 Conference Evaluation and planning of our next conference

Adjournment

After these sessions are over, our vice president, R. A. Millard takes these courses and prepares them for presentation to our job stewards. We gather 10 to 15 of them together and go through this agenda.

The results have been heartwarming. The increased militancy, and the improvement of our functions has been such that we highly recommend similar courses to all local unions in our Brotherhood.

JOHN H. BELT, B.M.

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Gives Analysis of Memphis Politics

L. U. 474, MEMPHIS, TENN.—Politics is my theme song this month from Catfish Bay. This calamity, social upheaval or what have you, occurs every two years.

We no more recover from the previous election than a new one comes along.

Under normal conditions we simply dislike each other. But about two months before and about two months after we hate each other's guts. (You ask me why and my answer is I am not Sigmund Freud.) However we do have a few strange characters in 474 who actually like somebody else. At this point I would like to say I don't know how they got into the local.

At California Wiring Exhibit



Many and interested were the spectators at the recent housewiring exhibit staged jointly by Local 569, San Diego, Calif., and the San Diego Gas and Electric Co. Expertly manned exhibits and charming hostesses drew 200,000 during week-long run. Above, left, Union Contractor R. D. Beasley explains the load center to interested home owners.



We also have another award presented for the most appealing, timely, effective rumor. For this the participants are urged to give full license to their unbridled imagination. For this award the proud winner has a choice between a monogrammed romex bender, or a beautiful bouquet of poison ivy.

I was thinking at our recent election, if all the hand shaking energy were utilized it could pump enough water to provide drinking water for the City of Memphis for one whole day (that is if nobody took a bath that particular day).

Congratulations to the State of Louisiana and its labor movement for getting rid of their "Right-to-Work" Law.

P.S. I won the bucket of mud (Shelby County mud).

FRANK DRIES, P.S.

Announces Results of San Antonio Ballots

L. U. 500, SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Election time has come and gone here at our local and here are the results: President and Business Manager S. B. Rudewick; Vice-President M. W. Morganroth; Treasurer D. B. Grassel; Recording-secretary J. E. Veltman; and Financial Secretary B. L. Witter.

On the new Executive Board we have A. J. Jordan, J. A. Weir, T. M. Williams, and R. M. Tankersley representing the power plants, and B. L.

This was an oversight on our part, but we intend to put them under psychiatric observation, they are not normal.

In L. U. 474 we classify our politicians just like we do our mechanics. You are required to serve four years as an apprentice politician, then take an examination and if you pass, you are the proud possessor of a certificate, stating that you are a journeyman politician. Along with this certificate you are presented with a dagger.

We have had quite a few individuals who have failed to pass our journeyman politicians' exam, individuals like

Ed Crump, Huey P. Long, Theodore Bilbo, Benito Mussolini, Adolph Hitler, etc. I have heard they went on to a kind of limited success, though.

We also have an award similar to the Pulitzer and Nobel prize for the most plausible, fantastic, imaginative lie pertaining to our petty, picayune politics, or misinformation about some incident or individual, the more ridiculous the better. The participants are encouraged to elaborate at great length and give full freedom to their talents. For this award the proud winner receives a beautiful bucket of mud symbolical of our esteem for each other.

Witter for the electricians, along with D. B. Grassel for the meter shop. Representing the Electric Distribution gang are B. F. Johnson, N. P. Olenick, F. J. Taylor and E. N. Thompson. From the underground and substation department is M. W. Morganroth. The best of luck to all of you in your new positions.

Brothers, you all know with negotiations coming along like they are, these new officers will need all of your support and suggestions to do their best for you, so why not get

down to the meetings each month? They won't hurt you at all and you might even win the attendance prize. Cain't never tell 'less you are there!

To all the out-going officers the Brotherhood wants to give a vote of thanks for their fine efforts during the past two years. You all did a fine job and we want you all to know it is appreciated.

We have several men on our sick list at this time, among them Jimmy Norman who fell from a pole the other day and broke his knee and

hurt his back very badly. Also off is Eddie White who is in Veterans Hospital, Waco. We wish them a speedy recovery and return to work.

Brother Tom Curtis, who hurt his back, has quit the company and opened a boat rental place in Rockport, Texas. He will be very happy for all you vacationing Brothers to stop by and see him and maybe do a little fishing. Reckon I can get a cut rate for this plug, Tom? Seriously, we wish Tom all the success in the world in his new venture.

Honored at Warren, Ohio



These young members of Local 573, Warren, Ohio, received their apprentice certificates in April. From left are: Paul Stroney, George Pulca, Jack Brown, Brother Miller, James Stroney, Robert Doan, Harley Roberts, Robert Horten, Emil Stravana and George Robosay.



The Local also staged ceremonies in April to award 15-year pins to these men. From left: Clyde Flack, Charles Blair, Frank Dunlevey, Frank Canale, William Gohdes, Sam Hendry, Vic Copenhaver, John Pintz and Emmitt Kelly. Not shown are Fred Kostolack, Elmer Brock, Steve Brandl and Myron Baker.

Our membership is slowly growing here but if guys like Brother D. B. Scheffel keep on having girl babies, how are we going to grow 20 years from now?

The Underground Department is very much occupied with modernizing the traffic signal system here. It is a joint effort with the City of San Antonio and is to cost in the neighborhood of \$530,000. Our city is pointing to a one million population by 1970 and is really trying to make up for much lost time on their streets and signals, etc.

That's all for now Brothers. See you next month if I can glean enough news out of you bunch of tight-lipped monkeys. Hi! up there in Lawrence, Mass.!

E. N. THOMPSON, P.S.

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Spirited Election In Portland, Me.

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME.—On June 25th, Local 567 had its election of officers, and for the first time in a number of years we had a very spirited election. Two weeks previous we nominated 25 men for 12 offices.

Elected to the Examining Board were Clarke Libby, Steele and Campbell.

Twelve men were nominated for the Executive Board, and elected to it, were Howard Hurd, J. Foley and Watson.

Reelected were Beauchesne as recording secretary, Manning as financial secretary and McCann as treasurer.

In the race for vice president, DeCelle beat out DeMerchant, and Wicks was reelected president over Day.

We had three in the running for business manager and the local members reaffirmed their faith in our present business manager by reelecting "Mickey" Dunn over Murphy and Holland.

We have a good slate of officers for the coming year so let's get behind them 100 percent.

We have plenty of work now, no new jobs to speak of, but plenty of men are being used on the ones going.

The only news of new work is that E. S. Boulos Company has the job of doing the first "Texas Tower" at sea, with Local 567 having jurisdiction.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, P.S.

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Sponsor Calif. Exhibit On Correct Housewiring

L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—In connection with the "Live Better Electrically" and "Housepower" na-

tional programs, Local 569, working jointly with the San Diego Gas and Electric Company, electrical wholesale houses and electrical contractors provided the San Diego Public with an X-ray into housewiring. This show, sponsored by the contractors' division of the Bureau of Home Appliances was well received and proved an outstanding success.

The display consisted of seven rooms, open-studded showing all the wiring which should be installed into an adequately-wired house of today.

For example—the laundry room was wired showing the 200 amp service and load center, washing machine, dryer, ironer and extra provisions for later additions. The same applied to the kitchen and all of the other rooms. In between the rooms there were displays of exterior wiring and lighting.

The enclosed pictures will give an idea of the public participation and interest shown in the exhibits.

All wiring was installed by 569 member apprentices serving in either their third or fourth years under the guidance of the San Diego Junior College and Vocational School as a field project and directed by coordinator, E. Willard Woolfolk. These classes are sponsored by the NECA Contractors and Local 569 on a joint basis.

Total attendance was estimated at just short of 200,000 people during the full week's run of the show.

A. H. NIPPER, P.S.

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Smorgasbord Honors Graduate Apprentices

L. U. 573, WARREN, OHIO.—April 27, 1956, 10 young members of Local Union No. 573, who had completed their apprenticeship during the past year, were honored at a smorgasbord supper given by Local 573. Included in the awards were 15, 30 and 35-year membership awards.

Three apprentices obligated on the above date, Paul Miller, William Potts and James Zimmer were awarded one day membership pins and did a remarkable job as bartenders and waiters for the festivities.

Pictures enclosed show the new journeymen and also a few of the 15-year members who helped to train them. George Seekins, Raymond Kidd, Bert Hebeinstriet, H. C. Thompson were honored as 30-year members. George Fails was honored as a 35-year member. A fine job was done by Co-chairmen Joseph Mlekush and Eric Offerdahl.

It is the pleasure of this press secretary to report that as of May 1, 1956 Local 573 received a 15-cent an hour increase in wages making the scale \$3.37½ plus 6½ cents in welfare benefits. Also an increase of

20 cents an hour in the general foreman classification making this rate 80 cents above scale which we think is quite a step forward.

Editorial comment—George Adams writes: Lack of interest is what is making so many people neurotics, complainers, and habitual fault-finders, welcomed by no one. Life can be made beautiful, intriguing and thrilling. A worker who is happy in what he does keeps climbing higher and takes others with him. We create out of all that we are and we are our own custodian. How good it makes us feel to learn that we have helped another up!

Thought from Local 573—To argue about nationality whether it be Welsh, Irish, Jew, Italian, English, French or what have you is ignorant because none of us ever had a choice anyway.

BRUCE A. THOMPSON, P.S.

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IBEW Members Work On New Installations

L. U. 583, EL PASO, TEXAS.—Pictured in the group photograph are IBEW members who constituted the Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company work crew, responsible for new installations at the Southwestern Portland Cement Company in El Paso.

This work consisted mainly of: Erecting a steel structure for 13,800v incoming supply, setting 2300v switch gear to be controlled from existing power house, phasing 2300v and 440v generators to supply bank, plus three other smaller sub-stations.

It was in 1909 that the Southwestern Portland Cement Company started operations. Since then, the Plant has greatly expanded, but until this job, no IBEW contractor had done any work there.

One particular 2300v-440v cutover was done with such efficiency and finished so much sooner than expected, it permitted the plant to resume operations without much production delay. After completing this cutover, the majority of the crew were guests of the plant at dinner, as were portions of the crew at two similar cutovers, and received time and one-half pay while enjoying the meal.

Those in charge were: Walter Toothman, field engineer for Reynolds Electric, member of L.U. 611; President of L.U. 583 J. W. Young, general foreman; Vice-President of L.U. 583 B. G. Morrow, foreman; R. Dominguez and F. McCallick, foremen; L. Henley, job steward.

H. S. Sparks, Southwestern Portland Cement Company general superintendent, has indicated his satisfaction to the extent that Reynolds Electric will be called upon for any further expansion.

F. F. NAKOVIC, P.S.

At El Paso Cement Plant



These members of Local 583, El Paso, Tex., pose before the new installations at the Southwestern Portland Cement Co., where they are currently employed. From left to right, Back row: W. Stallings, Local 611; C. F. Bowers, Local 583; I. S. Muerer, Local 390; L. W. Barr, Local 175; E. L. Blakley, Local 477; C. B. Coover, Local 583; B. Salaiz, Local 583; W. Jones, apprentice-Local 583; J. Sweeney, apprentice-Local 583; H. Kellough, Local 611; C. F. Borders, apprentice-Local 583; A. Taylor, Local 583; J. McCallick, Jr., Local 583; W. Dawkins, Local 583; W. Lumpkin, Local 583. Middle row: A. Kesi, Local 583; D. Villegas, Local 583; R. T. Weeks, Local 583; J. Mahorney, Local 681; J. F. Brunson, Local 508; F. Pierce, apprentice-Local 583; D. Marzeski, Local 583; C. Maxson, Local 583; I. Avant, Sr., Local 583; R. Dominguez, foreman-Local 583; F. McCallick, foreman-Local 583; L. Henley, job steward-Local 583. In front: J. W. Young, general foreman; B. G. Morrow, foreman. Taking photo: J. T. Nakovic, apprentice-Local 583.



Two-Year Contract Is Negotiated in Tulsa

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Negotiations have just been completed with our contractors calling for a two-year contract with a ten-cent raise hourly each year. I believe this is about the first time we have tried a two-year contract for inside wiremen. It may be a coming trend. It would eventually do away with the confusion of finishing old work and kitty plans, and start the increase to everyone at the same time. Members of the Negotiating Committee deserve a vote of thanks for a job well done. The committee consisted of Brothers Johnny Swartz, Carl Smith, Jack Money and W. L. Baker.

Our two weeks vacation received last year will begin paying off and after a few more bugs have been eliminated we will find ourselves taking planned vacations in the summer.

This year's scholarship awards by



Two traveling Brothers, I. Muerer, Local 390, and H. Kellough, Local 611, working on a 2300-volt splice, left. Above: Top to bottom are W. Stallings, Local 611; L. Henley, job steward; C. Coover, B. Salaiz and A. Kesi, all of Local 583, busy at work on wire pulling crew. At right are W. Lumpkin and L. Henley, job steward at SWPC Co. job.

the Ladies Auxiliary were given to Miss Iona Ruth Roberts, daughter of Brother Harold Roberts and William Wilson, son of Brother Bill Wil-



son. Included is a picture of the presentation.

We are sorrowed by the deaths of two of our members: Brother George Turner, whom I once referred to by mistake as our first business agent. He was one of the first and once had card number one in Chicago. Brother Turner cut a wide path of friendship in the ranks of the I.B.E.W.

Brother Oscar E. Johnson passed away April 29th. Brother Johnson who worked at Douglas Aircraft, and whose place will not be easily filled has been readily missed by all those who worked with and knew him.

BOB DOOLEY, P.S.

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Elections Are Coming To Oakland, Calif. L. U.

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—There is much tension in the air around

Tower Crew from Local 584



These are members of the cooling tower crew at the Tulsa Power Plant, in the jurisdiction of Local 584, Tulsa, Okla. From left: Chuck Pitts, Pat Webb, Glen Henson, John Webb, Bob Wofford, Gene Hicks and W. A. McGuire.



The Electricians' Auxiliary Scholarship Award was presented by Mrs. Omer W. Reynolds, committee chairman, to Winners Iona Ruth Roberts and William Wilson.

local 595 at this time. Nominations have been held and we are sweating out the election. All officers are contested except recording secretary, treasurer and vice president.

The most interest is centered in the contest for business manager and president and in the opinion of your scribe the contestants for these offices are without a doubt the very best selection that would be possible to pick from the membership of Local 595. As far as the principles are concerned I am sure this will be a clean campaign, conducted with gentlemanly decorum.

Running for business manager is Brother S. E. Rockwell incumbent of local 595 for the past 20 years or

so and under whose management our local rose to the position it occupied until recently as the outstanding local in Northern California. Opposing him is Brother Jack R. Johnston, a most valuable member of our Executive Board, past president and a former member of our Negotiating Committee.

Brother Homer Wilson president of Local 595 is running for reelection and contesting him for the office is Brother Martin "Bud" Hodgekins. Both of these men are well-liked and deservedly so. The slate for Executive Board includes the names of the incumbents plus a fair sampling of the membership.

We regretfully report the death of

our beloved friend and Brother Patrick J. O'Brien. The only one of his kind, a man not without faults but with enough "Irish blarney" to win your heart in spite of them. He may not have been the biggest man you have ever seen but we felt an affection for him out of proportion to physical size.

A word of praise and appreciation is due Brother Dan Ryan for his considerate sympathetic attention to the family in their time of shocked sorrow. He was magnificent as an understanding friend of the family and a comfort and solace to the bereaved. His consideration and great help deserve all our appreciation.

The promised report on housing-home tracts was abandoned. I am sure what I could have said would not have been appreciated. Brother Bill Martin, our boss for the past two years moved to the project at San Mateo. We feel the loss greatly, he was king size and all man—one of the very best.

Brother Charles Kimbley and family are vacationing in the East, was when this was written, best regards to you and yours Chuck.

Looks like rough road ahead, strikes, disputes and political shenanigans.

WILLIAM O. (BILL) HURTADO, P.S.

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Member Drowns Trying To Save Two Lives

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—On May 20, 1956, Brother Claude Cockrell,

Offspring of Jackson Members



Left: Betsy and Stevie Pack, ages 4 and 2, are the pride and joy of Brother and Mrs. Nathan A. Pack of Local 605, Jackson, Miss. Center: Phyllis and Janet Ainsworth, daughters of Brother and Mrs. D. W. Ainsworth. Right: Danny Bridges, the younger of the two sons of Brother and Mrs. Fred Bridges.

was drowned in a heroic sacrificial attempt to save the lives of a 17-year old girl and her father and all three were drowned. He leaves a widow and five children—ages to eight years. Also Brother W. B. Barnes, was recently killed in an auto accident. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends and loved ones of these two fine Brothers.

We quote below a letter recently received from Brother D. M. Rutledge, of Local 1288, and formerly of 605:

"Dear Willie: I received my JOURNAL the other day and was

shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Joe Spencer. Would appreciate it if you would write and give me the particulars about his death if you are familiar with them? The family and myself are all well and doing fine as can be. My son is married and doing O.K. working as a helper for a plumbing contractor. Sure hope this finds you and yours well and old 605, doing fine and prospering. Give all the good Brothers my regards and wish them good luck and long life.

"As ever your old pole buddy (like a piece of Hubbard Hardware),
"Don Rutledge"

Brother Rutledge's letter was answered promptly, supplying the information requested. He now resides at 1663 Sutton Road, Memphis, Tennessee, and we feel sure he will appreciate a line from his many friends. We appreciate your kindly communication "Don" and may Heaven bless you and yours.

We are all very happy in this neck of the woods because Louisiana has repealed the "Right-to-Work" law. We are in high hopes that the pendulum has finally started to swing back the other way.

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.

Roanoke Life-Saving Crew



These men, who make up the nation's first "Life Saving Crew," are members of Local 637, Roanoke, Va. From left standing: C. W. Blankenbeckler, M. S. Spangler, Bobby Miles, R. A. Smith, Bob Deyerle, J. T. Robinson, H. N. Dabbs, A. H. Townley, H. E. Harris, J. H. Silcox, H. S. Bobbitt. In truck: Harvey Robinson, L. N. Green, Earl Coon, Charles Scott, Mac Akers and George Stevens.

Scenes from Richmond Outing



Sack-racing, funny hats and general good spirits highlighted the recent picnic staged by Local 666, Richmond, Va., for members and guests.



L. U. 666 Enjoys The Fun Of Picnic Grounds

L. U. 666, RICHMOND, VA.—Members of Local Union No. 666, their families and friends, made up the crowd of approximately 600 who roamed six acres of picnic grounds at Kamp Kentwood June 9, feasting on hot dogs, barbecued ham, Brunswick stew, ice cream, soft drinks and Richbrau.

It was next to impossible to get a picture of the entire group due to the fact that the swimming pool, beer stand, food tables, and "galloping domino" tables were widely separated. We did, however, get a series of pictures which altogether give a review of the day's activities. Included with

this letter are three typical photos showing a group of Union Electric Company employees and their families, one of the kids' events, and a close-up of Brother Henry Bullington, "The Spirit of the Brotherhood", complete with sombrero and I.B.E.W. banner.

Our thanks go to the volunteers who acted as cooks, recreation leaders, program directors, P.A. announcers, parking lot attendants, and who looked after the other one hundred and one things necessary to make a picnic a success.

The weather was perfect, we all had all we could eat, old acquaintances were greeted, new friendships made; in short, a perfect day. These annual picnics seem to get better each year.

The work situation in the Richmond

area is very good at this writing, and by August or September will be reaching the seasonal peak. We all wish it were possible to put some of these jobs "on ice" until they are needed. But in this racket, they seem to be like bananas and come in bunches—that's life, I guess.

We certainly are sorry to hear of the untimely death of Brother J. T. Robinson, former Business Manager of Local 637, Roanoke, Virginia, and who was our I.O. Representative at the time of his death. Brother Grover W. Wiley, business manager, and John F. Owens, financial secretary of this local attended his funeral in Roanoke and reported a very good representation from the Brotherhood. Brother Robinson was certainly well thought of by his friends, both in and out of the trades, and his death at such an early age came as a shock to us.

RAYMOND M. ROBERTS, P.S.

L. U. 697 Celebrates Its 45th Anniversary

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—On June 12th, Local 697 celebrated its 45th anniversary. A fine banquet, speeches and dancing filled in the day, which passed all too soon. Our International Secretary, Brother Joe Keenan, made a fine speech, part of which dealt with the history and aims of the I.B.E.W.

Brother M. J. Boyle, International Vice President of the Sixth District, also gave an interesting talk. And Hobart Auttersen, secretary of the Indiana State Federation of Labor gave an address.

Our business manager, Harold P.

Leaders of Norfolk-Portsmouth Local



These are the officers of Local 734, Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va. Left, front row, left to right: W. D. Shelton, financial secretary; Orrin Burrows, International representative, and C. A. Coltes, president, Local 734. Back row: L. L. Murphy, sergeant-at-arms; J. T. Young, recording secretary; C. B. Hough, vice president, and L. R. Baker, financial secretary. Above: Orrin Burrows, International representative, and M. E. Nelson, master electrician, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. Brother Burrows reviewed the activities of the International for the local members.

Hagberg, acted as master of ceremonies. The address of welcome was given by Honorable Edward Dowling, mayor of Hammond.

We have only two members who were on the original charter of our local, Brothers William Knoth and Frank Seliger. These men can tell us a lot about the "good old days" (?)—when a man with a union card was anathema to an employer—those good old days when dodging bullets was an accomplishment indeed!

These Local 697 members received their 40-year membership pins and certificates: Donald Abbott, Guy Abbott, Walter Alsleben, William Boyden, Guy Brewer, John Carrouthers, John Dierheimer, O. D. Granger, Paul Hagberg, Carl Hocker, F. Keilman, Sr., W. J. Knoth, John Leary, Sam Livingston, John Rogers, Joe Scherer, Carl Seliger, Frank Seliger, Ross Stiles, Tom Vessely and B. E. Waggoner.

Our party was a huge success and will live long in our memories.

It is with sadness and regret that I must tell of the sudden passing of two of our old members. Brother Duke McArty suffered a paralytic stroke on April 14 and died shortly afterward. He was 72 years of age. Brother Harry Heddon, aged 65, died suddenly of a heart ailment. He was to have been presented his 40-year pin and certificate at our party, but death intervened.

Brother McArty leaves a wife and two sons, Vincent and Russell, and grandchildren to mourn his passing. Brother Heddon, insofar as I know, left no survivors.

We have been hit hard recently by deaths in our ranks. Here is hoping

that the old reaper with the scythe will stay his hand for a while.

Local 697 held its election of officers for 1956-57 and here are the results. The fact that so many officers were reelected shows that they have been and are, men of ability.

These are the officers: President Fred Keilman, Vice President J. R. Hagberg, Business Manager H. P. Hagberg (reelected, no opposition), Treasurer Guy Abbott (no opposition). Brother Guy has served 30 years as treasurer which is quite a record! He is known to us as "Old Money Bags."

Delegates to the national convention are H. P. Hagberg and James Russell. Delegates to the State Federation of Labor are H. P. Hagberg and Paul Buehrle.

Executive Board members are: S. C. Poole, L. Davis, Jr., A. Mazure. The Examining Board is made up of R. Knoth, Beanblossom, Hensley. Our recording secretary is C. Yeager and financial secretary, Charles Wilson.

We have always had good officer material and have indeed been fortunate that during the past years our local union has been so capably led.

We again had the pleasure of greeting our old 697 member, Brother Duncan Russell and wife, who are here from Los Angeles.

H. B. FELTWELL, P.S.

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Orrin Burrows Visits L. U. 734, Norfolk, Va.

L. U. 734, NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH, VA.—The first business meeting of this local held on Thurs-

day, May 3rd, was marked in particular by the very welcome presence of Orrin Burrows, International Representative of the IBEW and special representative for the Civil Service locals of the United States.

Because of it the business part of the meeting was expedited as much as possible with but one exception, namely, the honoring of a number of the local's members in giving them IBEW lapel pins numbered with the completed years of their membership in this local. The following names are of those Brothers particularly recognized in this manner. Those who received 15 year pins were J. T. Lyle; J. J. Krezel; W. F. McMahon and A. H. Tarkelson. For 20 years accomplishment M. C. Herbert; for 25 years M. E. Nelson about whom we wrote so recently when he achieved Master's status in the Public Works Shop of the Naval Base. To top the list came S. M. Tischler to receive his lapel pin for 30 years.

With the business meeting adjourned; all eyes were focused on Orrin Burrows who in the somewhat limited time at his command gave the members present a report on varied subjects concerning Brotherhood activity. Both time and space forbid any detailed discussion of all topics he covered. This writer got the impression from the range he covered that to follow Mr. Burrows in D. C. would require a good constitution and—a pair of roller skates!

Suffice it to say that we hope we can see and hear more from him in the not-too-distant future.

H. H. SHOEMAKER, P.S.

New Tool Invented By John McClellan

L. U. 767, BATON ROUGE, LA.—Enclosed is a photograph of a new tool that was invented by Brother John H. McClellan. He is a member of our Local Union 767, Baton Rouge, and is employed by Esso Standard Oil Company as a lineman (journeyman).

In the patent application, this tool is called a "GUY WIRE BENDING TOOL."

The photograph shows the following items—top to bottom:

- The Bender
- Guy wire prepared with a pole band attachment and a three bolt clamp.
- Guy wire prepared for a strain insulator (Johnny Ball), angle or thimble eye bolt connection.
- Guy wire prepared with a thimble eye and cable clamps

The purpose of this tool is to reduce the effort it takes for a craftsman to bend the stiff material used in guy wire. At the same time the GUY WIRE BENDING TOOL makes the job safer for the craftsman.

Brother "Mac" has received a "Coin Your Idea" award from the Esso Standard Oil Company, where this tool is already in use. This tool is especially useful in the installation of aerial messenger cable, since the bender may be used by the lineman while on the pole.

Anyone wanting further information about this tool please contact:

Brother John H. McClellan
2800 Jackson Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

NICK ANDREW MESSINA, P.S.

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News From Local 820 In Florida

L. U. 820, SARASOTA, FLA.—This is the first time you have heard from Local Union 820. But now we feel we really have something to crow about, so you will probably hear from us more often.

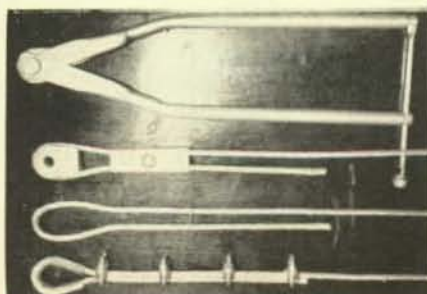
On May 5, 1956, at our Auxiliary's annual Officers Installation dinner, our members had the pleasure and honor of presenting Brother Homer A. Lamb with his 25-year pin and scroll.

Brother Lamb was initiated in Local Union 17 of Detroit, Michigan on March 16, 1931.

He came to Sarasota in 1946 and went to work with the Florida Power and Light Company. Shortly after, in 1947 he was awarded a lifesaving medal for saving a Brother employee's life. He is now a troubleman in the Distribution Department of the Florida Power and Light Company.

We are justly proud of Brother Lamb because he is the first one in our local to achieve the honor.

Invention



This tool, the brain-child of Brother John H. McClellan of Local 767, Baton Rouge, La., is described in that local's accompanying letter.

We have a revised Safety Program on the Florida Power and Light Properties which the Union was instrumental in putting thru.

We have just had our first lost time accident, June 4, since February. This is the longest "lost time, accident free" period we have had in many years.

As a closing note I would like to pass on a word of praise for our auxiliary in the wonderful work they are doing for our local.

R. B. WEST, R.S.

New Business Manager Chosen

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Hi gang! With my vacation and our local's election over I'll get me back to work. Can't say that I want to but, duty calls.

We of Local Union 835 think we made a wise choice in our new business manager, Jim Moore. Of course, we hated the fact that Mr. Nichols' health did not permit his running again, but I guess that after 10 years of the job and I, for one, say a fine job Ed Nichols did, he will enjoy

Silver Jubilee



Brother Homer A. Lamb of Local 820, Sarasota, Fla., was presented his pin and scroll marking his 25th year with the I.B.E.W.

sitting on the other side of the fence and taking it easy for a spell;

Our new president is Leon Dugger, who has been a member of long standing in this local. Truman Fitzgerald is the new vice president. He has also been in this local a long time. Let's get behind these boys and give them our support to the hilt.

I think all of you would like to know the outcome of the entire election, so here goes:

Leon Dugger, president; T. E. Fitzgerald, vice president; J. E. Rushing, recording secretary; John Rush, treasurer; J. P. (Jim) Moore, business manager and financial secretary; L. E. Russell, executive board; Billy Joe Kirby, executive board; E. E. Dunbar, executive board; Raymond Harris, examining board; Carnel Hargis, examining board; Rex Beech, examining board.

My vacation was wonderful—went to New York State and saw the sights—almost a second honeymoon. Went to Niagara Falls. Ran into the scribbler for the Utica, New York, local—Scribbler Maloney. Enjoyed my visit with him very much. We scribblers have lots of jawing to do when we do get together.

Remember . . . get out to vote . . . makes no difference who you vote for, just vote.

J. W. GOODWIN, P.S.

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Election Results Revealed from N. Y.

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—I'm bringing the news your way this month of the results of our election of officers. What a contest we had for the office of business manager! After two tied votes, Charles Theise was reelected by one vote.

Our president, Al Lawrence, was also reelected. He is doing such a good job we would be foolish to let him go. Our other officers are King Brennan, vice president; Ray DeCook, recording secretary; Harold Shaw, financial secretary; and Leo Kelleher, treasurer.

The new Executive Board includes Otto Perry, Lyle Culver, Roy Hobson, Ray McDermott and Lee Blake. (I might add right here, I feel very privileged to hold this office and I will sincerely try to employ fairness and integrity under all circumstances.)

The Examining Board is made up of Fred Toombs, Bob Harris and Ivan Seely.

We had an excellent turnout for the election. Forty out of a possible 50 were present. Too bad we can't get interest like that in every meeting.

Work remains plentiful around our area and looks promising for the remainder of the summer.

Plans will soon be getting underway for our annual clambake. This is always an affair with good attendance.

Thought I'd put in a word for the gals this time. We seldom give them mention, although they are deserving of much credit concerning our prosperity. So here it is. I suppose I'll have to agree with everything I write? "Women are so easy to please, it's a wonder more men don't know how."

I'm getting out of here now. So long.

LEE R. BLAKE, P.S.
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Ontario Union Member Earns Retirement

L. U. 869, IROQUOIS FALLS, ONT.—Brother W. B. Goodman, recently retired from the Abitibi Power and Paper Company at Iroquois Falls, Ontario, after 30 years in the Electrical Department and a member of the I.B.E.W. for the same length of time, was guest of honor at a party sponsored by Local 869. Visiting Iroquois Falls, International Representative W. Ladyman from Toronto, was on hand to present Brother Goodman with his 30-year pin and his first I.B.E.W. pension cheque. The 97 members of this local expressed their best wishes to Brother Goodman and presented him with a Philshave Electric Razor.

LIONEL A. BONI, R.S.
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New President Heads Georgia Federation

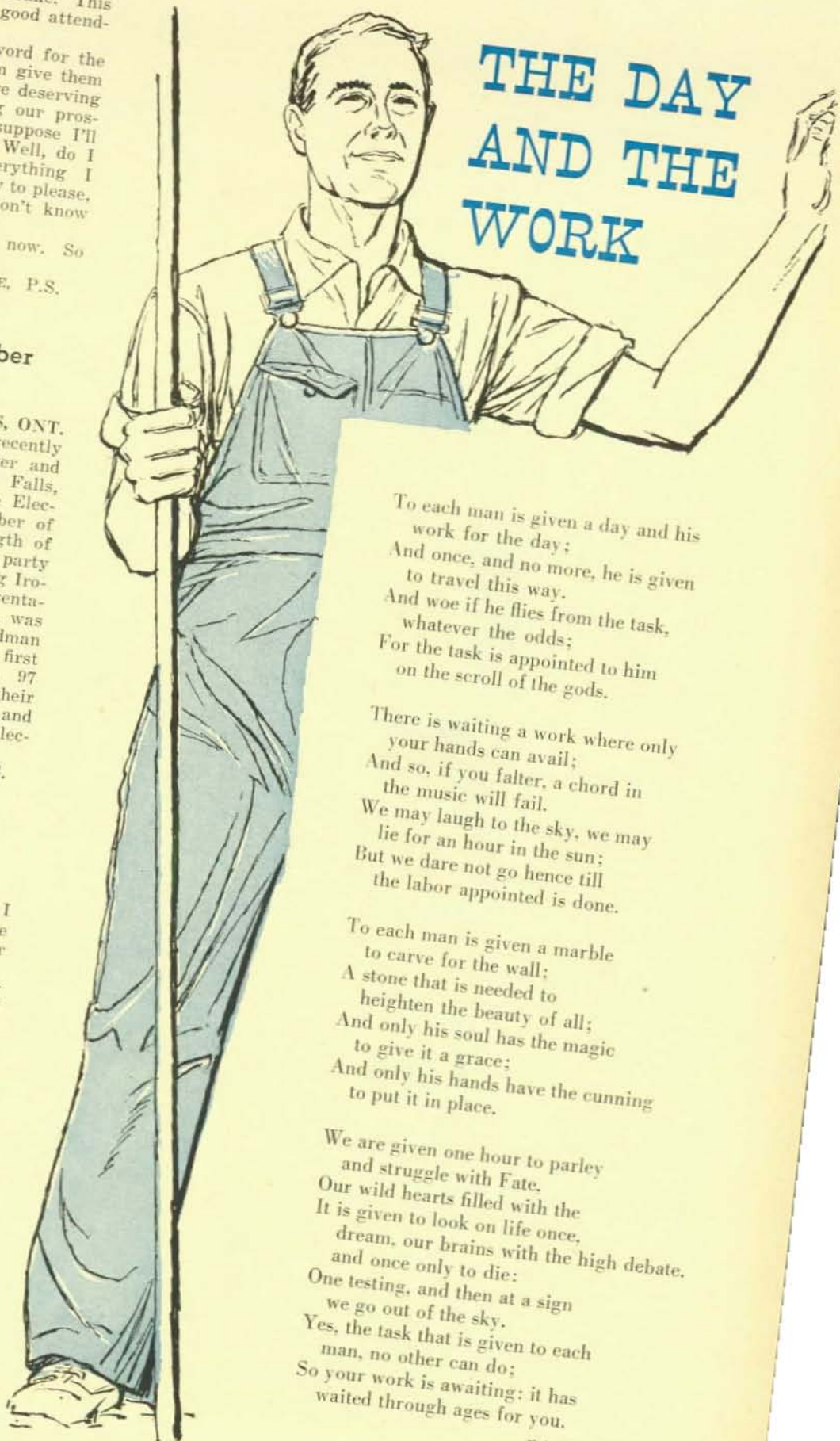
L. U. 896, MACON, GA.—Well, I guess my news this month will be stale to most of you, but a refresher might help.

The Georgia Federation of Labor Convention was held in our City of Macon, during the month of June. Due to the time consumed out of the state on matters on the International level, Brother J. B. Pate resigned as president of the Georgia Federation of Labor and Brother C. A. Catti of Atlanta was elected to take over the duties of president. We here, extend our good wishes to Brother Catti in his new capacity.

Guess June just about saw most of the banquets through in the out-lying districts. Hope everyone was able to enjoy the outings as much as we here in Macon.

New officers for Local 896 were elected during the last month. The slate includes: Brothers H. W. Gunley, president; J. G. Stuart, vice president; W. D. Ryals, recording secretary; H. M. Rogers, treasurer, and E. D. Farr, financial secretary.

THE DAY AND THE WORK



To each man is given a day and his
work for the day;
And once, and no more, he is given
to travel this way.
And woe if he flies from the task,
whatever the odds;
For the task is appointed to him
on the scroll of the gods.

There is waiting a work where only
your hands can avail;
And so, if you falter, a chord in
the music will fail.
We may laugh to the sky, we may
lie for an hour in the sun;
But we dare not go hence till
the labor appointed is done.

To each man is given a marble
to carve for the wall;
A stone that is needed to
heighten the beauty of all;
And only his soul has the magic
to give it a grace;
And only his hands have the cunning
to put it in place.

We are given one hour to parley
and struggle with Fate.
Our wild hearts filled with the
It is given to look on life once,
dream, our brains with the high debate,
and once only to die:
One testing, and then at a sign
we go out of the sky.
Yes, the task that is given to each
man, no other can do;
So your work is awaiting: it has
waited through ages for you.

Edwin Markham

The Executive Board members are: Brothers J. D. Crutchfield, L. O. Grimsley, D. S. Driskell, P. R. Demone and W. C. Smith.

Please, may I urge all members to back up your officers. Your presence and views expressed will help make this union the kind you expect and deserve. Our Brunswick Unit has a slate of new officers, but no names are available at present.

Accidents are widespread among our Brothers. The rate is going up. It is our responsibility to see that our jobs are safe. So take caution, think, and be careful.

I'll sign off for now—see you next month with some more pictures, maybe.

E. D. FARR, P.S.

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New Steam Power Unit Due In '57

L. U. 953, EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—Employees at Dairyland Power Cooperative's Alma, Wisconsin Steam Power Station are looking toward early 1957 when the largest unit in the network will be completed. The unit will be a 50,000 kilowatt reheat type and it is believed this is the first unit of its type in the country ordered for a power cooperative. The unit will result in savings of approximately \$300,000 a year over the conventional type.

With the other units at Alma, as well as the Cooperative's eight other generating stations, this unit will bring the system capacity to 215,000 KW. Since work on the addition began in March of 1955, the small town of Alma has seen the peak number of 137 construction workers in the vicinity. At present 83 workers are on the job and this total will taper off gradually until the arrival of the turbine from Westinghouse.

Dairyland serves 93,000 farms and rural businesses in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. During the past year the average member in Dairyland used 439 kilowatt hours of power a month. This figure, which represents power metered at the distribution substation, is nearly twice that of the national average for residential consumers. The Cooperative was first organized in 1941 when the Wisconsin Power Cooperative at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and the Tri State Power Cooperative at Genoa, Wisconsin merged facilities to provide themselves with more efficient operation. Dairyland's headquarters is located in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Its operational employees and construction wiremen are represented by Local Union 953, I.B.E.W., with office in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

JULIAN A. NELSON, P.S.

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Bowling Banquet Held In Ambridge, Pa.

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—National Electric Men's Duckpin Bowling banquet was held Saturday evening May 26 at Slovenian Home, Ambridge, Pa. A. L. Robinson, Jr., Secretary and Director of the National Electric plant, presented 13 trophy awards at the 28th annual bowling banquet.

Testers championship team was Captain W. Kowalski, R. Guzan, H. Kirchner, M. Habich and W. Lazar. Runner up team was Rubber Mill, Captain J. Bucka, L. Hnatow, W. Guist, F. Vargo and J. Weston. Trophies were presented to each member on both teams. 167 was high average for 85 games and was won by J. Weston, who received one trophy.

High single game and three games

by an individual were won by R. Kuhel, who received two trophies. His scores were 251 and 619.

Besides trophies, cash awards were also presented. The top prize of \$20.00 went to C. Kamzelski for winning the 4th annual handicap tournament, and to top that he also won the door prize.

Twenty-five bowlers had perfect attendance, the top three are: Pete Millute, completed his 12th straight season without missing a match, T. Baronitis and E. Sparcie who had seven straight seasons.

Banquet Chairman was J. Colades and his committee consisted of M. Habich, L. Johnson, P. Millute, G. Dimarzio, C. Kamzelski, W. Trojan, H. Lazar and A. Pfeiffer. R. Kopp was the master of ceremonies at the banquet and introduced various guests including some top plant officers. John Deyber our Local Union president, was an honored guest and was among those who made a fine speech.

Officers during the past season were G. Dimarzio, president, W. Trojan, secretary and M. Habich, treasurer.

Thanks go to J. Fingeret for contribution of favors and also to each and everyone who assisted in the service, to make this banquet a success.

National Electric proudly presented pins and congratulated 326 employees with 25 or more years of company service. Among the married couples who participated in the firm's service award were John and Sue Smith, both from assembly department, with 31 years. June 29 they celebrated their 29th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to all employees.

JOHN GOZUR, P.S.

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Apprentices Honored In Honolulu, Hawaii

L. U. 1186, HONOLULU, HAWAII.—On June 22, 1956, the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Electrical Industry honored 17 electricians for completing their four-year apprenticeship training.

With Apprentice Leonard Fernandes leading the honors, they were awarded certificates at a graduation dinner at the Evergreen Restaurant by the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship Council.

The 17 graduates were S. Hamaguchi, C. Kubota, Y. Nakama, D. Tyau, Y. Takabayashi, H. Iwamoto, R. Kong, L. Fernandes, G. Fukumoto, S. Yoshimura, I. Higa, H. Kaya, G. Segawa, S. Nitta, N. Yanagisawa, T. Okamura, and S. Kakazu.

Honored guests and speakers at the dinner were Bernard Ney, Territorial Representative of the United States Labor Department, Bureau of Apprenticeship, John Hong, chairman

Honored In Ontario



When Brother Bert Goodman, center, was given his thirty-five year pin and an electric shaver from Local 869, Iroquois Falls, Ontario, International Representative William Ladyman, left, and Local President Len Nolan were on hand to make the presentation.

of the Apprenticeship Committee, Thomas F. Taylor, secretary, Abner N. Deane, Territorial Apprenticeship Division Director, A. Fujikawa, business manager of Local Union 1186, I.B.E.W., and Harry Chikamori, Joint Apprenticeship Committee member.

At the present time, there are 30 others serving their apprenticeships in this fair city.

The Apprenticeship Committee is made up of equal membership from management and Local Union 1186, I.B.E.W. Twelve electrical firms are taking part in the program at the present time.

Last month a distinguished visitor visited the islands. He was none other than Charles Foehn, IBEW Executive Council Member from District 9, and business manager of Local Union 6, IBEW of San Francisco. Accompanying him was his lovely wife. Evidently Charlie and Mrs. Foehn took over the islands and had a wonderful time. They visited with Local 1437 on the island of Maui and Local 1414 on the island of Hawaii. In viewing the sights of the islands, Charlie had his eight mm. camera going full blast and you members of Local 6 should get a pretty good account of Hawaii. Feted at a Teahouse party here in Honolulu, Charles and Mrs. Foehn mastered the art of eating with chopsticks. In addition to that, Charlie was introduced to our famous Teahouse delicacy, the "pupu" of the party, namely, sashime—or in English—raw fish; and he liked it!

At Local 1260's Anniversary Luau or Hawaiian celebration, Charlie and Mrs. Foehn were again introduced to that famous Hawaiian staple, poi and Kalua pig. Entertainment was supreme and the celebration was a great success, including Charlie's 55 minute speech which lasted 10 minutes.

We regret that the visit was a bit short, but we hope that they return and make their stay longer.

Well, enough babbling for this time. We'll see you manana—

Aloha from Hawaii.

JACK CARVALHO, P.S.

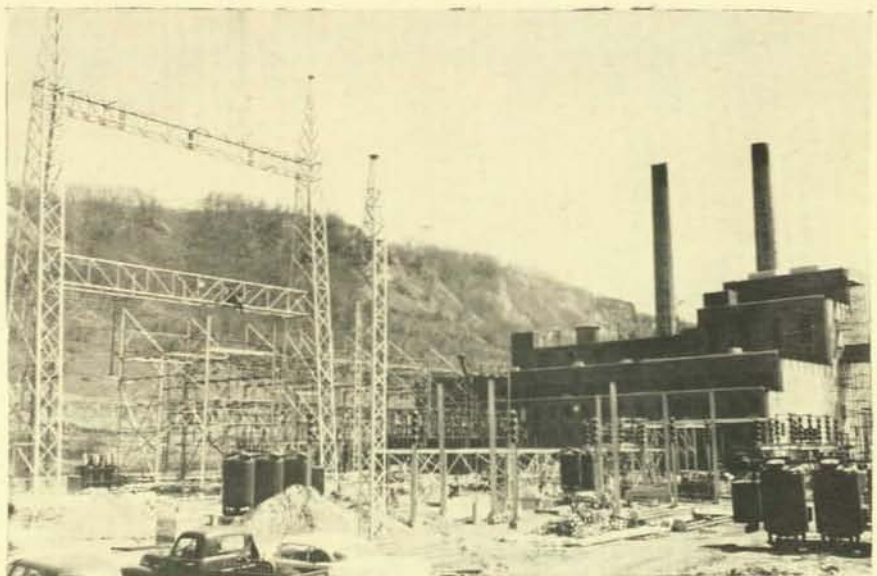
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Anti-Labor Party Returned To Office

L. U. 1208, SAVANNAH, GA.—Mayor Mingledorff and his pink traffic ticket party returned to office for a second term. Mr. Mingledorff and his party are hard core anti-labor people. It is deplorable how a few dues-paying members of L.U. 1208 will vote as the boss tells them and do anything else the boss wishes them to do. I would like to remind these fellows that "All men are known by their works" and "Actions speak louder than words."

In September we vote to elect our state senators and representatives.

Spectacular Boiler Installed



Overall view of Dairyland's Alma, Wisconsin station, in the jurisdiction of Local 953, Eau Claire, Wis., which will house a new 50,000 kilowatt reheater turbo generator. The unit, which is scheduled to be on the line in early 1957, will bring the system capacity of the Cooperative to 215,000 KW.



Construction of Dairyland's new 50,000 KW unit at the Alma Station made news when the picture above appeared in the Winona (Minn.) Daily News. They referred to the crew of more than thirty workmen shown as "Just a drop in the bucket to the ten-story boiler." From the header at the base to the top, the boiler measures 104 ft. Boiler tubes resembling those of a pipe organ are $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter with only $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch clearance. Openings in the tubing behind the men are for the burner, which will heat the boiler with flames from coal pulverized almost as fine as talcum powder. In full operation the boiler burns 28 tons of coal an hour, producing a steam flow of 390,000 pounds per hour to the turbine. The boiler, which is about 70% complete, will cost approximately \$1,300,000.

Let us vote for friends of organized labor. As you all know, our state had a "Right-to-Wreck" law on the books. Vote for men pledged to wipe it out.

These "Right-to-Wreck" laws can be taken off the books as has been done in Louisiana. This writer hopes

by this time next year the other 17 states will have these statutes off or wiped out. "Right-to-Work" laws are designed solely to break unions.

I would like to ask our editor if he will publish the voting records of the U. S. Senators and Representatives. It would be a great benefit

Annual Pa. Bowling Banquet



Trophies were presented and a good time had by all at the 28th Annual Bowling Banquet held by Local 1073, Ambridge, Pa.



to all our members to know how our Senators and Representatives voted on such legislation as affects labor,

on health and welfare and Social Security. We are aware of the fact that this would increase the cost of

the publication, but think it would be well worth the extra cost. We also would like to thank our editor for the economy he has practiced in publishing the JOURNAL. However, we would like to join Brother "Knut" Mallett of L.U. 46 in expressing a desire to see our JOURNAL enlarged and not cut down.

(Editor's note: The voting records will be published.)

May we make a suggestion to our editor and International Officers and International Executive Council for their consideration, that rather than cut the size of our JOURNAL, they put an assessment on each local union of say, 10 cents to 25 cents per member and I am sure that would cover any additional cost. Let us hear from you scribes about this matter. We are sure that our editor will act according to the best interest of the entire Brotherhood.

J. J. WALLACE, P.S.

Attend Summer School



These seven members of the I.B.E.W. made up the biggest group from any one International union attending the third annual State AFL Summer School at the University of Illinois, Urbana, June 17-22. They were among 25 unionists receiving certificates for completing a week's study. The school was sponsored by the Illinois State Federation of Labor and conducted by the U. of I. Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations and Division of University Extension. Left to right, seated in front, are: Edward Hager, Associated Broadcast Technicians' Local 1213, Champaign, Ill.; Harold R. Shaffer, Villa Park, steward in Local 1366; Barthol H. Zehren, Evanston, president of Local 1459. Rear: Fillmore H. Evans, Chicago, Local 1366; Arlo Neal, Riverside, Local 1366; Claude I. Simmons, Streator, president of Local 1469; Fred J. Rosenmeier, Palatine, steward in Local 1459. All but Hager come from locals in the big Commonwealth Edison utility system.

News Comes From Hanson, Mass.

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Well, here is the old news column again. I sure hope I have not been too boring while doing this little job. Here goes, at any rate.

Our regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday evening, June 19th at the Hanson A. A. Charles Atwood (here's your name again, Charlie), our acting vice president, presided at the meeting in the absence of President John Riddell. (John is

Apprentices Honored in Hawaii



Local 1186, Honolulu, T.H., held its apprentice graduation banquet recently. From left to right, front row, are: S. Hamaguchi, C. Kubota, Abner Deane, director of Territorial Apprentice Training; John Hong, chairman of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee; H. Chikamori, Joint Apprenticeship Committee; T. Taylor, committee secretary. Back row: Y. Nakama, D. Tyau, Y. Takabayashi, H. Iwamoto, R. Kong, L. Fernandes, G. Fukumoto, S. Yoshimura, A. Fujikawa, business manager of Local 1186, and B. Ney, director of Federal Apprenticeship Training.

vacationing at his sons' home way out in California. Let's hope he is getting a good rest, but if I know "Red", he will need another vacation when he returns to the good old town of Hanson).

Mary Turner, our business manager, started her vacation this week. Hope you have a good time, Mary. . . . Rumor has it that wedding bells will be ringing in the Spring for Ida Ferris. Best regards and lots of happiness in the years to come, Ida.

Business is still booming with the help of the big Navy order. Let's hope it stays that way. Some of the employees are still wondering if they got a raise or not, on this present contract. Too bad, (here I go again) they don't come up and attend some of the meetings sometimes. Then, if they did, they would know what they are going to vote for.

Getting back to vacations. The plant isn't closing this summer. Vacations go by seniority in each room. I think the company did a good thing when they made that change.

Bill Vierra just came out with a flashy new car. Hands off, boys! . . . Everybody was sorry to hear that Eddie Shay's sister Mickey passed on. She suffered a great deal but put up a gallant fight. When we see or hear about cases like that, we begin to realize how lucky we are that we have our health. Many of us don't realize it until too late . . . California seems to be the place to go—Jim and Angie Griffiths also went out there . . . Well, I am sleepy, so will stop right here and now. Hope everybody has a nice vacation.

"SCOOP" SAYCE, P.S.



A certificate of completion is presented to L. Fernandes by A. Fujikawa and Chairman John Hong.

Conventions Held In New York City

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—The dual Conventions of System Council No. 7 and System Federation No. 103 were held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, the week of June 11, 1956.

Your press secretary was granted the privilege of attending the first meeting of System Council No. 7.

The writer was introduced to the Convention by International Vice President John J. Duffy as the first railroad Brother to be honored as "Press Secretary of the Month" in many years.

Our local union president, Brother Peter A. Puglia, was elected as secretary of System Council No. 7's Resolutions Committee and did a very fine job.

At lunch time Vice President Duffy invited four Brothers from this local

Middletown, N. Y., Contract



A new work contract for employees at the Orange County Telephone Company was signed by negotiators for the telephone firm and for Local 1566. The negotiators were, First row (left to right): Mrs. Ethel Terwilliger, chief OCTC operator; Warren Kerrigan, chairman of the union committee, and Lee I. Hunt, chairman of the labor relations at the phone company. Second row: Bernard Cosgrove, local secretary; Mrs. Edith Rockwell, Mrs. Marie Fuller and Edward Diffendale. Third row: Alton F. Bradner, plant manager; Richard Tuttle, 1566 vice president; W. Eugene Sayers, International union representative, and Richard Ballard. The settlement included an average wage increase of nine cents per hour for OCTC workers.

to lunch. The Brothers invited were Peter Puglia, A. D. Ciano, Ralph Anderson and the writer. The first session adjourned after the election of officers and installations of the same by Brother Duffy. On behalf of our local, Brother Puglia extended congratulations to Brother LeClair and his elected staff. Believe me Brothers your local is sure getting to be known in the railroad field.

On Thursday evening in the lobby of the hotel the writer had the privilege of meeting an old friend of yours and mine, Brother Mike Fox, president of the Railway Employees Department AFL-CIO. Brother Fox was very pleased at the progress of this local union.

In and about the convention one could hear a lot of talk about pension plans, mostly in reference to lower age limits. One of the main questions was, quote, "How is it that a man at 45 years of age is too old for a job on the railroad but at 64 years of age too young for a pension." It is the belief of the writer that at the next progress meeting called by Brother Duffy, that this question should be taken up and pursued to a successful conclusion.

DAVID H. VAN HOUTEN, P.S.

Pick Your Own Winner



Entrants in Local 1710's Beauty Contest are pictured here immediately after their formal introductions at the regular monthly meeting on June 8. Miss Local 1710 was scheduled to be selected at Local 1710's annual ball at the Los Feliz Breakfast Club, Los Angeles, California. Left to right, front row: Mary Valenzuela of Ruby Lighting; Rose Koperski of Zinsco; Gloria Jasso of Solar Mfg.; Molly Mora of Solar Mfg.; Lee Helton of Jordan Electronics; Magdalen Hernandez of Solar Mfg. Second row: Rita Amador of Sunbeam Lighting; Rachel Ortega of Solar Mfg.; Grace Colon of Sunbeam Lighting; Shirley Licon of Sunbeam Lighting; Rosalie Ham of Hoffman, Plant 2; Hyacinth Normandin of Hoffman, Plant 2; Nancy Pina of Zinsco; Rosemary Rios of Ruby Lighting; Maria Kuhl of Sunbeam Lighting, and Kenola Tony of Ruby Lighting.

New Wage Scale Gained By L. U. 1665

L. U. 1665, WENATCHEE, WASH.—We of Local 1665, manufacturers of ferro-silicon, have a new wage scale in effect, the result of negotiations which took place last month (May).

We succeeded in gaining an overall raise of 15 cents per hour. In addition we obtained an extra five cents for the yard equipment operators, giving them a 20-cent increase. This was done to bring their scale more in line with the other departments.

It seems to me that the body of the members showed an unselfish and brotherly spirit in cooperating with the Yard Department Members in helping them obtain the extra raise.

Business has been good with us. Our employer, Keokuk Electro Metals Company, is installing a new electric furnace besides expanding building and yard facilities.

The anti-labor forces of our state are trying to get a "Right-to-Work" initiative on the ballot for next election. It is heartening indeed, to know that Louisiana threw out its "Right-to-Work" scab law.

T. E. NEFF, P.S.

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News Roundup Comes From Los Angeles

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. "You never had it so good," other International Representatives are telling Brothers Larry Drew and Joe Nichols of the I.O. staff. The picture of entrants in the contest to determine who will be Miss Local 1710 of 1956 gives some slight indication why. These lovelies were the feature of the first meeting of the local attended by Representatives Drew and Nichols since they drew the lucky assignment of working with 1710 in its organizing drive.

When Chairman Mike Morales of the Entertainment Committee was making the introductions of the contestants, it developed that Brother Fesperman couldn't find his glasses. He says we will have to do it all over again (and how we'd hate it).

But we'll get another good look at the Ball on July 28. Each shop is voting this month and will narrow the field to one per company. Winners will be given prizes worth competing for, such as a trip to Las Vegas, etc.

Just to prove that Local 1710 is loaded with talent as well as beauty, one of the orchestras will be led by one of our members, Jose Torres of Zinsco. (Joe is also a long time member of the Musicians Union). His band will provide rhumbas and mambos in the patio of the Los Angeles Breakfast Club (which by the way is at 3201 Los Feliz boulevard, Los Angeles), while Tommy Jones, our old standby, will give us modern music.

PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



C. J. BONOMO

The press secretary we are proud and happy to salute this month comes from the great State of Wisconsin where he is a member of L. U. 890, Janesville.

Door prizes will include a 21-inch Hoffman television set, a hi-fi radio and record player, and a portable barbecue set.

Sorry, but we're all sold out. If you didn't plunk down that buck for that ticket your steward tried to sell you, about all you can do is to come down to the next union meeting and start the ball rolling for next year.

BRICE WORLEY, P.S.

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Plenty of Work In Houston, Tex.

L. U. 1814, HOUSTON, TEX.—At this writing there seems to be plenty of work in the local railroad shops. No serious lay-offs have occurred. Freight business is good and as long as it continues we will all be able to hold our own.

Retirement Party



Local 1822, Marion, Ind., gave a party to mark the retirement of Brother Earl Unthank from their ranks.

Brother Bonomo has lived in Janesville nearly all his life, and graduated from the high school there. He spent four years in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Following his Air Corps tour of duty, Brother Bonomo returned home and was initiated in L. U. 890. He has served as the treasurer and press secretary of that local since 1952.

Brother Bonomo says he is proud to be a member of a "wonderful union" like the IBEW and extends his thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of L. U. 890 for the privilege of being press correspondent of Local 890.

Your JOURNAL staff is sure that L. U. 890 also is proud and appreciative of Brother Bonomo's good efforts through the years. We of the International Office are, and we urge Brother Bonomo to keep up the good work.

The T and NO Shops are in the midst of a rebuilding program. The Diesel and Electric Shops are being modernized. Soon we will have one of the finest shops in this area.

On June 15, we had a family picnic at Herman Park. The food consisted of barbecued beef and chickens and all the trimmings, plenty of coffee and cold drinks. This was served by the Sonny Look Catering Service. The food was excellent. In spite of the rainy weather, a large group turned out. The kids romped and played in the park and many got a chance to see the zoo which is always a No. 1 attraction for the kids and grown-ups alike.

We are striving to create more interest in our local. So, Fellows, let's see more of you at the meetings, where YOU make the decisions.

J. G. BRUNOTTE, P.S.

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Station Man Retires In Marion, Ind.

L. U. 1822, MARION, IND.—Earl Unthank, station man, Marion District, who is affectionately known as "Stubby," was the oldest employe in length of service of the Marion-Muncie Division of the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company at his retirement, May 1st. Stubby was a charter member of Local No. 1822 in Marion, Indiana and was very active in union work, having at one time served as treasurer of the local. The enclosed picture shows "Stubby" cutting his cake at a party given in his honor upon his retirement, by employes of the I and M.

OZENE D. MAXWELL, F.S.

Show Business

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mostly in the whimsical plays of Sir James M. Barrie.

John and Ethel Barrymore played a number of years at the Empire, just as did their father Maurice Barrymore, and their uncle and matinee idol, John Drew. The great Judith Anderson played the Empire, and Katherine Cornell was here for 46 weeks back in 1931 with *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

Then in 1939 Howard Lindsay's and Russell Crouse's *Life With Father*, literally set up housekeeping on the doorstep of this venerable theater for a stay of more than six years.

Thus the Empire from the turn of the century until our own day saw, with the nation as a whole, the theater come of age in this country, from its first tiny whimper back in the days of "Ye Bare and Ye Cubb" until the present when the American theater has found itself a robust, full-grown youth.

Such considerable dramatists as William Vaughn Moody, Rachel Crothers, Booth Tarkington, Elmer Rice and many others had arisen to turn out in what has been called "The American Renaissance" convincing dramatic efforts for the American public. There were meaty parts written for such talented ones as the Lunts or Gertrude Lawrence, Paul Muni or Eva LeGallienne to play and in which American audiences could find delight.

In 1918 the Pulitzer Prize was created to give recognition "for an original American play which shall represent the education value and power of the stage . . ." The distinction of being first winner of this honor came to Jesse Lynch Williams for his satire, "Why Marry?" (A Pulitzer prize has been bestowed each year since then except when no play could be judged worthy enough.)

Meritorious dramatic works came now thick and fast. We could not possibly enumerate them all here in this article. But all have

been a part of the American drama coming of age. We can just mention a few Pulitzer plays out of the 30-some which have been written and staged since 1918. In the 1920's and 1930's we had such winners as Owen Davis' *Icebound*, and Marc Connelly's folk play *Green Pastures*, and such unforgettable comedies as Kauffman and Hart's *You Can't Take It With You* or the Kauffman-Ferber *Dinner at Eight*.

In the 1940's Pulitzer plays included Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*, and Mary Chase's lovable *Harvey*. In the year 1950 this prize went to the Rodgers-Hammerstein-Logan team for *South Pacific* and in 1954 to John Patrick, for *Teahouse of the August Moon*.

Any list of high ranking dramatists of our own day would of course include Maxwell Anderson, noted especially for his poetic drama in realistic vein. (Many will remember his *Winterset* in 1935 played by Burgess Meredith.) Then there is the three-time Pulitzer winner, Robert Sherwood, remembered by many especially for his 1939 *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* played so well by Raymond Massey.

But the man considered as perhaps America's greatest playwright is Eugene O'Neill, who three times during the 1920's took a Pulitzer prize with *Beyond the Horizon*, *Anna Christie* and *Strange Interlude*. In a lighter vein he turned out *Ah Wilderness* (1933) which provided a fine acting vehicle for George M. Cohan and Will Rogers. In his trilogy, *Mourning Becomes Electra* (1931), O'Neill is said to have achieved his highest point dramatically.

So the years in buskin and sock have gone for us here in the United States. And happy years they have been with players and playwrights leaving behind them memories of purging tears and sweet laughter. As we stated at the beginning of this article, Broadway is wrapping up a particularly outstanding season of fine plays. And from reviewing the past, we can but know that the guiding genius of Broadway is only end-

ing the season as a vendor taking in his wares at the end of a day—while searching his valise for some new and better attraction to please the customer tomorrow.

Louisiana

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years headed the state federation of labor.

The results: The House passed the repealer 57 to 44, the Senate concurred 21 to 18, and Governor Earl Long—as he pledged himself to do—signed the bill and made it law.

Now as to the second part of this operation—the registration and election campaign in the City of New Orleans.

The New Orleans leaders agreed with the state leaders on the basic strategy of concentrating on electing friendly legislators and staying out of other political races.

Mr. B. R. Ariatti, of the Painters and Decorators Union who was director of the campaign, says that questionnaires were sent to all candidates whose positions were not known. Where an incumbent had voted against the "Right-to-Work" bill in 1954, he was endorsed.

Taking advantage of a factional Democratic split in the city, labor tried to endorse against hostile incumbents, whichever of their opponents seemed to have the better chance of winning.

"We purchased the official registration rolls," says Ariatti, "and had them available in headquarters so that local union leaders could check actual registration among their own members."

The headquarters rooms were lined with charts showing the city by wards and precincts, showing the "activities" that had been carried out—the registration campaigns, sound truck parades, telephone and door-to-door calls.

In New Orleans, with its solidly Democratic complexion and a system of run-off primaries whenever no candidate gets an absolute majority in the first primary, labor

was also able to concentrate activity for the second primary.

"In one senatorial district we found that 800 workers in two precincts were not registered. But between the two primaries, we got them to register—and the candidate friendly to labor won in the second primary by only about 250 votes," Ariatti reports.

At the time of this campaign, the AFL-CIO merger of course, had not taken place. However LLPE and PAC worked together on the intensive campaign.

"We have learned," says Ariatti, "that political action by labor belongs to all of labor, not to any individual. The politicians learned they could get endorse-

ments only by vote of our 20-member executive board."

In the end Ariatti did on the local scale, what the State Executive Council Members did on the state level—he took the repeal bill to every "friendly" legislator and once again asked support.

"Our only real losses," he says, "were two incumbents in the House out of 24 members in the delegation, and three of seven senators whom we could not beat. Otherwise our delegation later voted solidly for repeal."

That briefly, is how they did it in Louisiana. We hope 17 other states will follow suit and achieve the same success.

ous twenties. As a *Fortune* magazine article rightly pointed out: "This was an era of company unions, open shop and shrewd paternalism." It was also an era when the few were able to enrich themselves at the expense of wage and salary earners. Between 1920 and 1929 output per manhour in manufacturing rose 63 percent while average hourly earnings were rising only 2 percent! Wholesale prices did go down 37 percent but the Consumers Price Index fell off by only 14½ percent. One result of this failure of wages to rise commensurate with productivity gains was a 38 percent increase in net corporate profits during the six-year period 1923-1929. These figures are indeed a far cry from those that tell the story of the last decade, 1945 to 1955, when union action made sure that the benefits of our increasingly productive economy were distributed a little more justly.

As an aftermath of the recent strike the steel industry added over \$8.00 a ton to the basic price of steel. This rise is supposedly necessary to cover wage gains made by the steelworkers. It is interesting to note that this explanation is not accepted by many concerned citizens. A recent editorial in the "Christian Science Monitor" states that: "The industry doesn't simply add its increased labor costs to its prices; it multiplies

them by what it estimates that boost will cost as it travels around the circle and raises the price of things the industry has to buy." The editorial then asks, "Doesn't this compounded estimate price added to steel travel around the circle to be compounded again?" It probably does and as a result the steel industry reaps a wind fall of profits at the expense of a hoodwinked public. A. H. Raskin, labor writer for the New York Times, stated that a fear existed that informal or Taft-Hartley fact-finding board might bring the "labor cost-steel price question" into the limelight. This acted as a pressure on the industry for quick settlement of the strike. The average American deserves to be enlightened.

Union Label Story

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their bargaining force so that the abundant profits being reaped by American industry will not have to be shared with the workers who helped to create them.

The time is ripe readers of our *Journal*, when we should try to recapture some of that spirit and zeal which motivated the labor pioneers of the past. It would be a great and wonderful thing if this Labor Day 1956, we—all of us—would resolve to make Labor Day and the purpose for which it was created, and our labor unions and the purpose for which they were created, have a new meaning in our lives. It would be a good time for a renewal of the pledge taken by the founders of our union and others, to demand union goods and union services. It is only by a renewal of the old union spirit that our local unions and our national and international unions are going to continue to grow and prosper—more than that—are going to *continue to survive*.

But if we will resolve this Labor Day 1956 to be true labor union members in fact and in deed—and not just in name—the rewards—in better standards of living for ourselves and our children and our children's children—will be many and sweet.

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preparing for technological change.

It was noted that there will be a great increase in electronic devices and jobs requiring up-to-date training in electronic skills. IBEW members should be adequately trained in order to be prepared for the impact of automation.

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In a recent speech the President of General Electric Company, Ralph Cordiner, went on record in favor of wage increases for years to come. "As we automate to satisfy customer demand—and as we thus raise the jobs requiring higher education and skills in ratio to unskilled jobs—it would seem entirely possible that the average earnings of GE employees 10 years from now may be in the range of \$8,000 to \$9,000 annually."

It is gratifying to hear a comment such as this coming from an industrialist who represents an important segment of an industry in which automation is proceeding at a rapid pace. We hope this statement signifies a trend and is not just a public relations release.

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The AFL-CIO Economic Policy Committee has pointed out in its August report some illuminating facts about the so-called prosper-

COMING UP TO THE GATE

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tation is made on the card by the union representative when he goes to the courthouse.

We are not concerned with the question of whether the voter is registered Democratic or Republican; we are interested only in having him register as he desires, in order to play his proper part as a citizen. It is important to have everyone realize that labor's interest in these matters is completely nonpartisan, and that unions are merely urging everyone to fulfill a responsibility which he already has as an American.

When the cards are checked they should be brought back to local headquarters, and can be used again by block or precinct workers in making contact with unregistered members, and later in getting out the vote.

Where all the locals in a community are working closely together, they may wish to consolidate their cards into one list, both for checking at the courthouse and for followup afterwards.

If a member is not registered, it is the responsibility of the union to persuade him to do so if possible. The approach is often made by the steward in the plant; this man knows the individual members with whom he works from day to day and understands their personal problems. He is often the best one to explain citizenship responsibilities.

Another effective and legitimate procedure is to have union representatives visit members at their homes. This allows for a more leisurely conversation and for plenty of questions and answers.

House-to-house canvassing should be carefully organized, with captains and teams assigned to each precinct, armed with suitable publications, and with the cards showing what people are still unregistered.

Space will not permit more talk of registration and election.

However, we go back to the horse race theme for a moment in closing. Horse racing is a gamble. We know only too well how often

the \$2.00 bet on a horse is lost. But it's no gamble to spend \$2.00 for a sure thing.

In the next two months some liberal Senatorial and Congressional candidates are going to have the battle of their lives to get elected or reelected. By turning their backs on the moneyed interests in favor of working people, they have cut themselves off from contributions needed to wage a

Looking Over The U.S.A.

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Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park can match beauty with that of any state. Rainbow Bridge is the largest natural bridge in the world. Salt Lake City with its famous Mormon Temple is a place of keen interest for all visitors.

Vermont, with its Lake Champlain and hundreds of smaller lakes is a wonderful vacation spot. Some of the finest marble in the world is quarried at Proctor and can be viewed there. The Maple Sugar Festival held at St. Albans every April attracts many natives and tourists.

Virginia is a state rich in historic lore. Mount Vernon is, of course, her favorite shrine, but Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond and Yorktown are all delights of the history-minded and Williamsburg, the famous restoration of a colonial city, should be a part of any Virginia vacation.

Washington, the "Evergreen State" has abundant lakes and mountains to make it a beautifully scenic state. Seattle has much to offer including the largest floating bridge in existence. Mount Rainier National Park is famous for its glaciers surrounded by gardens of wild flowers.

West Virginia is noted for lovely wooded mountains, mineral springs and scenic caverns. In the Cranberry Glades in the Monongahela National Forest, cranberries and orchids grow side by side on several hundred acres of misplaced Arctic tundra. Interesting burial

successful campaign. It is up to us then, the working people, to provide the means for them to bring their campaign to the people. Two dollars or one dollar, or five dollars, or whatever we can spare, will not buy much television or radio time, or even a notice in a newspaper. BUT the contributions of all of us, sent to COPE, will enable our friends to do a job for us.

It isn't too late to help—but—they're coming up to the gate. Spend \$2.00 for a sure thing today!

mounds thousands of years old are located at Moundsville and Charleston.

Visitors to Wisconsin can revel in the beauty of cool lakes and woods and enjoy marvelous hunting and fishing. Milwaukee, the largest city is noted for its fine zoo, its conservatory and numerous art collections—and—the Milwaukee Braves.

Wyoming's greatest attraction is Yellowstone National Park, containing thousands of geysers and hot springs, the splendid canyon and falls of the Yellowstone River and an exceptionally large wildlife sanctuary.

That concludes our quick tourist cavalcade of the states. We could write another article as long or longer, just about the glories of Canada, and perhaps some day we will. For now it will have to suffice to say that our Canadian Brothers and Sisters likewise have sights equal and surpassing those of Europe, right in their "own back yard." If we exhaust our points of interest in the States we could do no better than to journey across our northern border to enjoy the wonderful scenery and cities of Canada.

It is good "to see the Old World and travel up and down" go the words of an old poem but is good to have pride in and knowledge of our own country and we in Canada and the U.S.A. can take our places with the best.

Sinclair Lewis, the famed novelist, was once touring Italy. He heard extolled the beauties of the country until he could stand it no

longer. When his guide pointed out Mount Vesuvius and said "There, you have nothing like Mount Vesuvius in your country," Lewis said, "No, but we've got a Niagara Falls that could put that thing out in five minutes!"

That was a rude way to put it but it did show pride of country. If we ever get a chance to go abroad, surely it will be a thrilling and education experience. Meanwhile, we can enjoy the sights and pleasures our foreign friends long to see here—which is abroad to them.

The following sources will bring you further information on the above subject.

For more information on national parks, forests and monuments, write to the Federal Inter-Agency Committee on Recreation, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Information on state parks can be obtained from the National Conference on State Parks, 901 Union Trust Building, Washington 5, D. C.

General information on the United States, Mexico and Canada can be obtained in *Harian's American Travel Guide*, *Harian Publications*, Greenlawn, New York (price 50 cents).

"Your Vacation Guide" published by the National Research Bureau, Inc., 415 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, gives many notes on travelling in the U. S.

With The Ladies

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to recognition—and who knows—perhaps to fame. Children need help and understanding to bring out these gifts. A young inventor may be so absorbed in his work that he neglects school work. A boy handy with tools may suffer from the superior attitude of the book learners. Both need parental appreciation and guidance to bring out the talent for the things they do best.

Watch your children, talk with them, find out what they like, have time for them. The rewards will be great for it is nearly as great an accomplishment to foster talent as it is to have it yourself.

And that's all the time and space we have this month to talk of talent. Develop yours—use it—develop your children's. Good luck!

Death Claims for June, 1956

L.U.	Name	Amount	L.U.	Name	Amount
1.0 (3)	Lademan, E.	\$ 1,000.00	98	Taylor, III, E. E.	1,000.00
1.0 (3)	Wolke, G. L.	1,000.00	103	Quinn, A. J.	1,000.00
1.0 (3)	Hildebrandt, C.	1,000.00	110	Wagner, C. W.	1,000.00
1.0 (6)	Hansen, J.	1,000.00	112	Murphy, J. F.	1,000.00
1.0 (11)	Greenhoe, C. H.	1,000.00	117	Gregory, L. E.	475.00
1.0 (18)	Anderson, A. W.	1,000.00	125	Hanson, F. G.	1,000.00
1.0 (28)	Ellerbrook, G.	1,000.00	125	Hanson, F. S.	1,000.00
1.0 (29)	Boteler, J. W.	1,000.00	134	Liston, L. J.	1,000.00
1.0 (38)	Alexander, W. M.	1,000.00	134	McDermott, P. J.	1,000.00
1.0 (43)	Stern, A.	1,000.00	134	Krassner, A.	1,000.00
1.0 (46)	Manheim, C. C.	1,000.00	134	Schoenrock, F.	1,000.00
1.0 (46)	Coleman, F. W.	1,000.00	134	Breen, H. A.	1,000.00
1.0 (46)	Reed, G. W.	1,000.00	134	Menary, D. A.	1,000.00
1.0 (46)	Thornton, C. C.	1,000.00	136	Rouse, B.	1,000.00
1.0 (51)	Virgin, F. D.	1,000.00	142	Ulmer, O. B.	275.00
1.0 (52)	Lewis, W. W.	1,000.00	143	Carter, J. W.	1,000.00
1.0 (58)	Timlin, T.	1,000.00	153	Antisdal, D. N.	1,000.00
1.0 (58)	Rebels, J. W.	1,000.00	160	Stearly, F. M.	150.00
1.0 (77)	Easton, M. L.	1,000.00	195	McBride, A. P.	1,000.00
1.0 (99)	Painter, C. O.	1,000.00	210	Waine, E. E.	500.00
1.0 (99)	Higgins, C. L.	1,000.00	211	McAdam, W. N.	1,000.00
1.0 (103)	Pennie, L. F.	1,000.00	213	Nollers, G.	1,000.00
1.0 (125)	Hill, J. C.	1,000.00	213	Parent, W. J.	1,000.00
1.0 (134)	Smith, E. W.	1,000.00	213	MacDonald, A. D.	1,000.00
1.0 (134)	Stobart, T.	1,000.00	213	Moody, D. E.	1,000.00
1.0 (134)	Hendricks, O. F.	1,000.00	213	Hornby, J. M.	1,000.00
1.0 (134)	Finke, C. H.	1,000.00	230	Jackson, W.	1,000.00
1.0 (160)	Remarque, J. J.	1,000.00	237	Thorn, G. A.	1,000.00
1.0 (170)	Barton, R. F.	1,000.00	245	Tebbe, E. F.	1,000.00
1.0 (213)	Findlay, W. J.	1,000.00	245	Beaverson, O. L.	475.00
1.0 (223)	Beer, T. A.	1,000.00	245	Reece, S. G.	475.00
1.0 (352)	Linsen, L. C.	1,000.00	270	Disney, A. A.	1,000.00
1.0 (360)	Klopper, A. P.	1,000.00	301	Porter, W. T.	825.00
1.0 (377)	Mace, W.	1,000.00	303	Storkey, W.	1,000.00
1.0 (397)	Thompson, A. M.	1,000.00	313	Quinn, E. P.	1,000.00
1.0 (433)	Sheldon, W. B.	1,000.00	310	Dixon, M. G.	1,000.00
1.0 (491)	Newcomb, A.	1,000.00	324	Mitchell, W. D.	1,000.00
1.0 (521)	Grebe, H. P.	1,000.00	325	Krowiak, F. A.	1,000.00
1.0 (551)	Macler, C.	1,000.00	326	Schluck, R. A.	475.00
1.0 (565)	Riley, S.	1,000.00	328	Watson, D. E.	1,000.00
1.0 (584)	Turner, G. J.	1,000.00	332	Haug, C. B.	1,000.00
1.0 (595)	Desimone, L. P.	1,000.00	332	Carroll, C. C.	1,000.00
1.0 (631)	Hentze, R.	1,000.00	340	Roberts, S. W.	1,000.00
1.0 (671)	Moodispaw, J. L.	1,000.00	347	Daniels, R. P.	1,000.00
1.0 (689)	Jensen, F. E.	1,000.00	349	Ziegler, J. O.	1,000.00
1.0 (707)	Johannis, R. W.	1,000.00	357	Bray, G. G.	1,000.00
1.0 (713)	Jepsen, H.	1,000.00	357	Smith, A. D.	475.00
1.0 (864)	Ryan, F.	1,000.00	362	Davis, G. M.	1,000.00
1.0 (887)	Hoyer, E.	1,000.00	364	Ward, L. S.	1,000.00
1.0 (911)	Reynolds, G. S.	861.54	365	Haulston, J. W.	1,000.00
1.0 (919)	Orellie, E. B.	1,000.00	369	Smith, C. O.	74.87
1.0 (1253)	Welch, W. K.	825.00	387	Davis, J. W.	825.00
1.0 (1392)	Healey, T. F.	1,000.00	390	Harwell, J. A.	1,000.00
1.0 (1541)	Jacobson, E. E.	1,000.00	414	Shinnell, R. C.	1,000.00
3	Mullady, W.	150.00	423	Pilgrim, W. F.	1,000.00
3	Schoenfeld, M.	1,000.00	429	Mason, H. H.	1,000.00
3	Hemmer, N.	1,000.00	436	Davis, L.	1,000.00
3	Lansky, M.	1,000.00	443	Baumert, C. L.	1,000.00
3	Meier, S. M.	1,000.00	494	Clawson, G.	1,000.00
3	Hall, W.	1,000.00	494	Kuenzie, H. R.	1,000.00
3	Cramer, O. C.	1,000.00	494	Hayward, G. L.	1,000.00
3	Kandson, T. A.	1,000.00	499	Kephart, A. M.	1,000.00
3	Ryan, W. J.	1,000.00	501	Constantino, J. J.	500.00
3	Aronson, A.	1,000.00	508	Scott, H. C.	1,000.00
3	Faber, J.	1,000.00	527	Delaney, H. H.	1,000.00
6	Ragletto, J. P.	1,000.00	533	Schubert, K. J.	1,000.00
9	Greene, L. P.	1,000.00	505	O'Brien, P. J.	1,000.00
11	Lucas, H. D.	650.00	605	Cockrell, C.	1,000.00
11	Delaney, R. E.	1,000.00	606	Pontoux, P. P.	825.00
11	Kirk, W.	300.00	628	Bennett, W. F.	1,000.00
11	Leach, J. T.	1,000.00	633	Moore, A. T.	1,000.00
11	Shur, S. S.	1,000.00	649	Maloney, W. O.	1,000.00
11	Tineh, E. F.	1,000.00	651	Graham, D. T.	1,000.00
18	Rumsey, R. R.	500.00	662	Harris, R. E.	1,000.00
18	Steven, B. D.	1,000.00	663	Schneider, E. W.	650.00
18	Loffis, C. L.	500.00	675	Pives, W. J.	1,000.00
18	Wyoff, J. E.	1,000.00	683	Battrell, C. R.	1,000.00
23	Holm, L. O.	1,000.00	689	Fahey, P. C.	1,000.00
28	Henson, J. T.	1,000.00	694	Bryan, L. D.	1,000.00
38	Lee, J. W.	1,000.00	697	McArdy, D.	1,000.00
40	Shearman, R. M.	1,000.00	702	Milliron, H. J.	1,000.00
40	Withrow, C. L.	1,000.00	710	Fisk, J. A.	1,000.00
43	Demon, J. L.	1,000.00	710	Vanden, C. K.	1,000.00
46	Heasley, W. C.	1,000.00	739	Stone, R. L.	1,000.00
46	Enfield, P. W.	1,000.00	744	Lucey, R. P.	150.00
46	Lindell, W. C.	1,000.00	744	Yoh, R. R.	1,000.00
46	Pallardy, A. R.	825.00	781	Andrew, W. H.	1,000.00
48	Geary, J. H.	1,000.00	784	Roberts, V. D.	1,000.00
48	Emmons, C. D.	1,000.00	797	Olsen, O. J.	1,000.00
48	Landers, J. C.	1,000.00	836	Fadden, S. R. E.	1,000.00
51	Boovers, J. E.	1,000.00	849	Provost, A. W.	1,000.00
51	Wills, J. E.	1,000.00	861	Hart, J. C.	1,000.00
52	Winter, E. F.	1,000.00	883	Daniels, J. L.	1,000.00
58	Byron, R. E.	1,000.00	948	Pontana, A. W.	1,000.00
59	Rumazner, O. E.	1,000.00	949	Morch, S.	1,000.00
66	Lavendusk, A. M.	1,000.00	953	Stoltz, P. H.	650.00
66	Wetrich, J. E.	825.00	953	Olson, A.	1,000.00
70	Martin, J.	1,000.00	966	Smith, P. H.	1,000.00
77	Smith, J. A.	1,000.00	1032	Nelson, H. L.	475.00
77	Dubendorf, W. H.	1,000.00	1220	Bomberg, M. H.	1,000.00
77	Feucht, A.	300.00	1245	MacKenzie, C. J.	1,000.00
77	Doll, C. J.	1,000.00	1249	Therlauff, L.	500.00
77	Iverson, A. M.	1,000.00	1249	Wilson, F. E.	1,000.00
77	Fraser, C. H.	1,000.00	1533	Lee, J. E.	1,000.00
81	White, H.	1,000.00	1547	Emmick, J. A.	1,000.00
84	Madlox, Jr., W. J.	300.00	1895	Prendergast, J. J.	1,000.00
84	Ketchum, L.	1,000.00			
94	Blair, J. L.	1,000.00	Total		\$200,710.61

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

God, our Father, in heaven, Thou Who created us all and Who lovest us all, we call on Thee in our sadness and ask for Thy mercy and Thy help. We list here the names of our members who have passed on. The list is long and the void left in our organization at their going is great. Look upon them with mercy O Lord, show them Thy forgiveness and take them home. There let them dwell in peace and joy through all eternity.

Comfort their loved ones, Kind Father. Rest Thy gentle hand on each and whisper the words of comfort and of peace: "They are not gone forever. They wait for you on the other side."

Help us too, Lord, we who call on Thee in faith and with hope. Strengthen us to do the things that are right and to avoid the things that are wrong, so that one day—and Thou alone knows how soon or how late it comes—when we too shall cross over into the Great Beyond, we shall not know fear. We shall go in joy and anticipation—to be united with Thee and with our departed Brothers, there to dwell in eternal peace and joy forevermore. Amen.

Enoch E. Davis, L. U. No. 1

Born August 20, 1905
Initiated July 3, 1942
Died May 29, 1956

Vencil Humphrey, L. U. No. 1

Born July 10, 1910
Initiated April 14, 1944
Died May 29, 1956

David A. Jones, L. U. No. 1

Born October 31, 1880
Initiated February 16, 1918
Died May 15, 1956

David Martin, L. U. No. 1

Born March 12, 1901
Initiated October 1, 1918
Died May 10, 1956

A. W. Anderson, L. U. No. 18

Born February 6, 1873
Initiated May 27, 1914
Died May 27, 1956

Horace S. Bushnell, L. U. No. 18

Born January 22, 1890
Initiated July 1, 1950
Died June 15, 1956

Richard F. Colton, L. U. No. 18

Born September 11, 1917
Initiated November 1, 1955
Died June 18, 1956

F. R. Faulkner, L. U. No. 18

Born September 28, 1887
Initiated August 26, 1920
Died June 12, 1956

Joseph E. Wycoff, L. U. No. 18

Born December 20, 1895
Reinitiated October 14, 1942
Died May 26, 1956

Jerome Lappielle, L. U. No. 28

Born October 6, 1889
Initiated June 7, 1918
Died June 15, 1956

John T. Mackereth, L. U. No. 28

Born May 23, 1894
Reinitiated August 3, 1938, in
L. U. 1094
Died June 14, 1956

Frederick Wm. Schmidt, L. U. No. 28

Born October 25, 1897
Reinitiated July 18, 1941
Died June 22, 1956

Paul Enfield, L. U. No. 46

Born March 21, 1897
Initiated August 14, 1916
Died May 20, 1956

Robert E. Byrom, L. U. No. 59

Born April 28, 1895
Initiated October 5, 1943
Died May 21, 1956

Leon Ketchum, L. U. No. 86

Born February 19, 1891
Initiated May 12, 1939
Died May 18, 1956

James Henkel, L. U. No. 160

Born December 28, 1928
Initiated August 30, 1948
Died June 14, 1956

Frank Marty, L. U. No. 212

Born March 7, 1884
Initiated May 1, 1910
Died June 17, 1956

Charles R. Cook, L. U. No. 310

Born March 9, 1905
Initiated June 28, 1943
in L. U. No. 7
Died May 12, 1956

Ernest A. Cummings, L. U. No. 353

Born July 1, 1892
Initiated May 15, 1942
Died May 14, 1956

Joseph Craig, L. U. No. 369

Born March 27, 1901
Initiated February 28, 1938
Died June 14, 1956

James U. Hawkins, L. U. No. 369

Born March 16, 1897
Initiated May 23, 1941
Died June 6, 1956

Ralph C. Schnell, L. U. No. 414

Born January 19, 1903
Initiated March 21, 1938
Died June 16, 1956

Ernest W. Anderson, L. U. No. 595

Born September 29, 1900
Initiated April 9, 1943
Died June 21, 1956

Paul Kuents, Sr., L. U. No. 595

Born November 2, 1885
Initiated July 24, 1936
Died June 19, 1956

A. F. Lambourne, L. U. No. 595

Born June 20, 1875
Initiated October 5, 1906
Died June 12, 1956

Patrick J. O'Brien, L. U. No. 595

Born July 9, 1892
Initiated April 8, 1937
Died June 9, 1956

R. W. Hendricks, L. U. No. 637

Born May 29, 1914
Initiated July 26, 1947
Died June 20, 1956

J. Tobey Robinson, L. U. No. 637

Born December 16, 1918
Initiated November 5, 1940
Died June 13, 1956

Harold J. Milliron, L. U. No. 702

Born June 10, 1919
Initiated August 10, 1949
Died May 16, 1956

Harry Carlson, L. U. No. 713

Born October 19, 1908
Initiated December 23, 1955
Died June 1956

Bernard Lech, L. U. No. 713

Born July 23, 1917
Initiated March 19, 1946
Died June 1956

Louis Lubawski, L. U. No. 713

Born October 12, 1907
Initiated April 27, 1943
Died June 1956

John Roubal, L. U. No. 713

Born May 4, 1882
Initiated March 3, 1942
Died June 1956

Edwin Stoewsand, L. U. No. 713

Born September 3, 1895
Initiated July 27, 1955
Died June 1956

Charles W. Hesse, L. U. No. 853

Born March 10, 1903
Initiated June 25, 1942
Died June 3, 1956

Roy E. Blackwell, L. U. No. 1245

Born October 7, 1916
Initiated April 1, 1956
Died May 1, 1956

Murl L. Chamberlain, L. U. No. 1245

Born April 23, 1899
Initiated February 1, 1943
Died June 1956

Callum J. MacKenzie, L. U. No. 1245

Born March 26, 1909
Initiated February 2, 1942
Died May 14, 1956

Leonard Theriault, L. U. No. 1249

Born January 15, 1920
Initiated June 15, 1955
Died May 21, 1956

Floyd E. Wilson, L. U. No. 1249

Born March 19, 1911
Initiated April 1, 1941
Died June 14, 1956

Raymond J. Anberg, L. U. No. 1335

Born February 4, 1928
Initiated March 11, 1949
Died June 15, 1956

Charles H. Dietrich, L. U. No. 1335

Born December 4, 1892
Initiated November 20, 1942
Died May 25, 1956

Bertrand Love, L. U. No. 1335

Born May 8, 1893
Initiated November 20, 1942
Died June 3, 1956

Raimondo Martino, L. U. No. 1335

Born August 28, 1892
Initiated January 22, 1943
Died May 27, 1956

Elmer M. Buhrow, L. U. No. 1461

Born June 30, 1911
Initiated July 30, 1946
Died April 28, 1956

Robert J. Sheehan, L. U. No. 1461

Born August 25, 1911
Initiated June 26, 1946
Died June 9, 1956

Edward J. Griffin, L. U. No. 1470

Born September 17, 1914
Initiated April 1, 1952
Died May 18, 1956

John A. Meyer, L. U. No. 1470

Born January 29, 1908
Initiated December 23, 1948
Died May 20, 1956

Walter Oberwanowicz, L. U. No. 1470

Born November 27, 1907
Initiated December 1, 1948
Died June 19, 1956

Harry Ashworth, L. U. No. 1505

Born May 23, 1898
Initiated July 17, 1946
Died May 12, 1956

Rose Romard, L. U. No. 1505

Born August 31, 1915
Initiated July 25, 1951
Died May 8, 1956

Charles A. Whitman, Sr., L. U. No. 1505

Born October 15, 1884
Initiated July 17, 1946
Died May 22, 1956

THE OCEAN

Sometimes when I'm lonely,
Sometimes when I'm blue,
I go sit by the ocean
So strong and so true.

Many problems I have,
Many heartaches and cares;
Some things unspeakable
I take with me there.

I think about this
And about that I ponder;
Then my heart reaches out
To that place over yonder.

The effect it has on me,
So soothing and sweet,
Just does something for me
And I cannot retreat.

And so as I sit there
Beside the ocean so strong
A sweet peace comes o'er me
And I know I belong

To Someone who cares
For me day after day,
He will ease all my heartaches,
Take my burdens away.

So I continue to sit there
And gaze up above,
Divine presence is felt,
I know God is love.

The ocean so strong,
With all of her noise
Yet so calm and serene,
Gives us all certain poise.

Our troubles will fly
Our heartaches will flee,
His presence is there
With you and with me.

So I tell you all this,
Won't you give it a try?
Go sit by the ocean
In the near bye and bye.

ALICE SPENCER DAVENPORT,
Wife of Dale Davenport, L. U. 712,
New Brighton, Pa.

STILL TOO HIGH

How hard it is for a rich man to enter
the kingdom of heaven is of less concern
today than how hard it is for a poor man
to remain on earth.



HOLD FAST

It is a large two-story house
With maple trees around
Where dead limbs lie like bleaching bones
Across the unkept ground.

The shingles curl, the shutters sag,
The weatherboards are gray,
And in its once-gay rooms are piled
Tall ranks of dusty hay.

The vacant windows blankly stare,
Pigs root around the lawn,
A flower pot, a broken doll
Speak of a family gone.

It makes me pause and think a bit
And promise this, and pray,
To cherish well and guard with love,
The joys I hold this day.

D. A. HOOVER,
L. U. 1306,
Decatur, Ill.

A STUMP JUMPER, A LINEMAN, A GRUNT

At first their conversation seems very
blunt—

A Stump Jumper, a Lineman, a Grunt;
A Johnny ball, a hull line, a screw,
The lingo is the same on any crew.

They live in trailers, in mansions, in
tents—
On the whole they are quite honorable
gents.

They help the widows, the orphans, the
halt and the blind,
They are loud, they are rough, they are
meek, they are kind,
They are boomers, they are noisy, and
they bluff,
But when trouble comes they just can't
help enough.

Disasters have forced them to see
That their Brother's keeper they needs
must be,
Hardships have made them understand
That we all are guided by our Master's
hand.

MRS. RENNA CARR,
Wife of Homer A. Carr, L. U. 477,
San Bernardino, Calif.

TELEOGRAPHY

The geography teacher asked Bobby a
question about the English Channel.

"I don't know about that one," he
answered, "there's no such channel on our
TV set."

AT THESE PRICES

The customer was poking around the
fruit counter, trying to get something
as cheaply as possible. He finally settled
on five apples and handed them to the
clerk.

"That will be 85 cents, please," the
clerk said.

The customer handed the clerk a dollar
bill and started to walk out.

"You forgot your change, sir," the clerk
called after him.

"That's all right," the customer said.
"I stepped on a grape on my way in."

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"Does the sergeant know about this?"
he demanded.

"He ought to, sir," a private replied.
"He's under 'em."

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"Sure did. They took one look and
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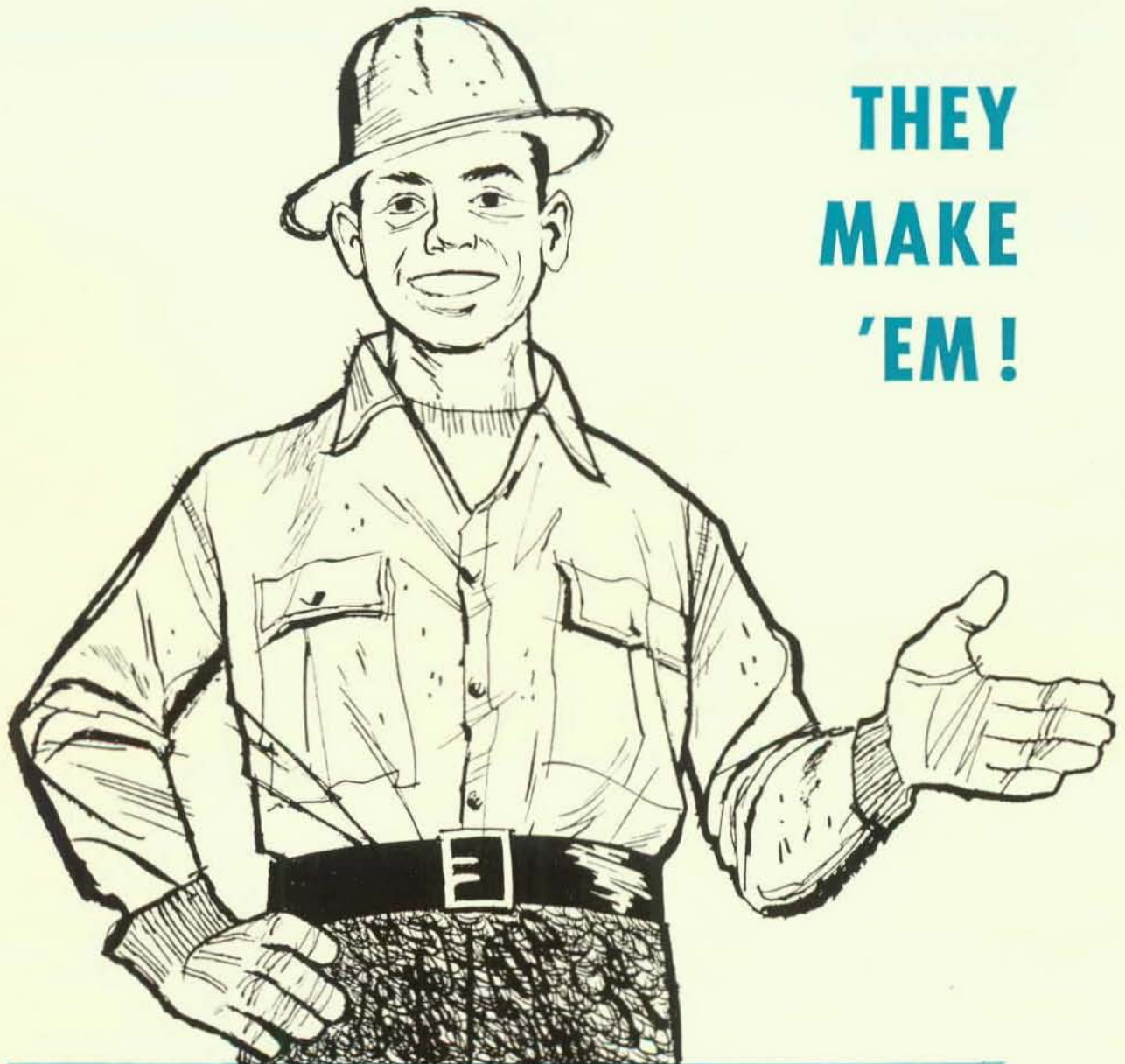
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